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MATIMES

Biggest rise in jobless total for nine years

By PHILIP WEBSTER and COLIN NARBROUGH

out of work rose by 57,600 in November, to more than 1.7 million. The rise is the biggest for nine years, and it provides striking confirmation that the economy is moving rapidly into a deep recession with a mists. They had expected it to general election no more be about 35,000, in line with than 18 months away, the average monthly increase Unemployment has now over the past few months. risen for eight consecutive months.

John Major immediately voiced his regret at the increase, while seeking to neutralise its political impact by blaming it on high pay claims. However, it is widely believed at Westminster that it means that jumps seen in the 1974-75 his political honeymoon

will prove short-lived. The Chancellor, Norman Lamont, had admitted in the Commons on Wednesday that unemployment would rise over the next few months, job losses had a knock-on However, the increase was much worse than expected. It spread beyond the depressed areas of the country into every region - including the Conservatives' heartland South-east. The figures produced the sharpest Commons clash between Neil Kinnock and the

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Life for Babes in Wood man

Russell Bishop, aged 24, an unemployed labourer, was sent to prison for life yesterday for the attempted murder of a seven-year-old Brighton schoolgirl - three him of the notorious Babes in the Wood murders.

Last night the Home Office took the unusual step of defending the scientists who also carried out forensic tests in the Babes in the Wood case Page 3

Jail report

Pressure on the government to reduce the number of mentally disturbed people in jail will be increased by the publication today of a scathingly critical Prisons Inspectorate report on Brixton jail in

Wedgwood split



Paddy Byrne, chief executive of Waterford Wedgwood, is to resign after three years with the group, which will split its crystal and china businesses into separate units in a bid to reverse a severe profits , Page 21

Iraq defiant

Iraq, showing no sign that it will pull out of Kuwait by the UN deadline of January 15. announced it had set up hundreds of civil defence training centres to prepare the population for war Page 10

New coal chief

The government made the surprise appointment of Neil Clarke, a City industrialist, to be chairman of British Coal from January 1. The former chief executive of Consolidated Chartered, the mining company, would succeed Lord Hasiam of Bolton Page 23

England win

A victory by 33 runs over New Zealand in the World Series

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ruled out an early cut in interest rates, they added to he said.
Conservative MPs' doubts Rodne about the likelihood of an

early election. The seasonally-adjusted rise of 57,600 shocked City econo-Treasury forecasts, previously regarded by many outside economists as rather pessimistic, are increasingly being perceived as optimistic.

Gwynn Hacche, UK economist at the stockbroker James Capel, described the news as "extremely grim". It was reminiscent of the accelerating recession, although not as bad as the increase in the early eightics. Of particular concern was the 16,000 fall in the number of people in manufacturing industry, he said. Such effect on employment elsewhere, for example in

In the Commons, Mr Kinnock told Mr Major that the rise was a direct and deliberate result of his policies when Chancellor. The prime minister replied that everyone regretted the rise in unemployment, but added: "I have been warning for some months that if wage rises stay high that will have a necessary effect on cided to leave its jobs." The latest official fig-rates unchanged. ures show that average earnings rose by 10 per cent in the

year to October. Mr Kinnock responded by accusing the government of dishonesty. When the figures came down, it claimed success and when they went up it was won't you be man enough to own up properly to the reason for the rise and accept blame

for your own policies?" Mr Major declared that there would be a considerable reduction in inflation over the next few months, after which the country would return to a position of growth. Britain's unemployment rate, at 6.2 per cent, was among the lowest in the European Community.
"Long term unemployment is still falling and the extent to which the economy has been revived is shown, not least, by

THE number of people prime minister since Mr Ma- the fact that of those who have jor became Tory leader. Com-ing the day after Mr Lamont will find themselves back in will find themselves back in work within three months,'

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Rodney Bickerstaffe, TUC economic committee chairman and general secretary of the public employees' union Nupe, rejected Mr Major's claims. Unemployment was not the fault of the trade unions or working people, but of the government's economic policies. "The TUC forecast that unemployment would go above two million in our approaches to Chancellor John Major this time last year. He took no notice and the government took no notice and we are now starting to

reap the whirlwind," Norman Willis, the TUC general secretary, said: "The tragic reality behind these shameful statistics is that more and more workers are paying the price of the government's failure with their jobs."

Meanwhile, City expectations of lower interest rates receded further. The pound's weakness in the ERM, and the Chancellor's emphasis in the Commons on Wednesday on the need to keep sterling firm, persuaded financial markets that no easing is likely until next year.

Fears that the pound would come under renewed pressure from higher German interest rates were dispelled when the Bundesbank yesterday de-cided to leave its key lending

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Hostel promise to help the homeless

people sleeping rough in London was promised by the prime minister yesterday. He announced a government initiative to provide more beds in hostels and other long-term accommodation.

John Major told MPs that Sir George Young, the housing minister, would give details of plans within a few days. Sir George was talking to agencies and together they were developing new and more effective ways to get those sleeping rough off the streets. Sir George is cutting through red tape to accelerate

the provision of housing for provides beds in former hos-London's homeless. The environment department has begun a £97 million three-year programme to provide accom- minister, if at least three days modation for those labelled of freezing temperatures are "roofless" and a progress re- forecast.

ACTION to ease the plight of port is expected before

The programme's first phase will provide three hostels with a total of 140 new places, at the Station hotel, Islington; King George's hostel, Westminster, and in Paul Boateng, Labour MP

Crispin Street, Lambeth. for Brent South, had asked Mr Major how cold it had to get "before the homeless are given the opportunity of shelter". Mr Major did not give a detailed reply, but the health department fund an organisation known as SHIL (single homeless in London) which pitals and other accommodation in the capital. That is opened, on the decision of a

present Ecu.
"This plan is looking to build a bridge to the UK," said one EC official. The Delors plan plays skilfully on Mr Major's eager-

ness to establish his European credentials following Mrs Thatcher's departure, and to vigorously opposed.

The Delors plan, a draft treaty to be debated at the live up to his promise of a "constructive dialogue" with EC partners. But if he is seen to be too ready to accept gration, he will risk splitting the Conservative party by upsetting the Euro-sceptics in the Tory ranks, many of

currencies which make up the

Delors plot to corner Major on Euro union

From ROBIN OAKLEY AND MICHAEL BINYON IN BRUSSELS

JOHN Major will be con- clear, but one source here whom supported him in the fronted today with an in- suggested that the Community leadership contest. genious scheme to entice him could simple freeze the The British government had

Hunting with the pack: the Quantock Staghounds meeting on National Trust land in Somerset yesterday

into support for swifter Euro- present mix of currencies in not been alerted in advance the basket making up the ecu. about M Delors initiative. This would give the currency a Treasury and Foreign Office A plan to be presented by fixed value, but it would not officials knew nothing of it last Jacques Delors, the Com- make it automatically the A further test loomed for strongest currency in Europe, Mr Major in that the Italian "harder" even than the

Deutschemark, as Mr Major presidency yesterday seemed had proposed. The German to be hustling the pace also on Bundesbank has always obpolitical union, the subject of jected to the creation of a the other IGC starting completely new hard currency, but it would agree to a The foreign secretary, Douglas Hurd told the Comredefinition of the basket of 12

mons last week that Britain had been working to stop any attempt by EC partners to lay down what the IGC should discuss before it had even met. British ministers had regarded the opening meeting of the IGC as a purely formal

But yesterday Signor Pio Mastrobuoni, the spokesman for the Italian presidency, said that the foreign ministers would immediately get down speedier European inte- to detail at the first IGC Continued on page 20, col 5

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lion to £40 million hole in the

man who at one stage had a

personal fortune estimated at

£80 million, befriended celeb-

rities including Adam Faith,

Sebastian Coe and Lennox

Lewis, the boxer. His empire

included an entertainment

Mr Levitt, the master sales-

company's balance sheet.

Levitt chief arrested as police raid offices

By Angela Mackay

ROGER Levitt, the flamboy- £150 million business on ant founder and chairman of Tuesday, after the group's Levitt Group, was arrested at accountants found a £30 milhis home in Highgate, north London, yesterday, while police raided the West End offices of his collapsed financial services group.

The police said they were questioning Mr Levitt, but no charges had been laid. Several boxes of documents were taken from the offices. Liquidators from KPMG

Peat Marwick McLintock be strengthened remain un- were appointed to Mr Levitt's

and sporting division.

ideally placed to take advantage of the break-up of the television listings duopoly next March, by offering readers what would have been an upmarket version of the BBC's Radio Times with in-depth analysis of the

Alan Coren, The Times columnist the clout or the constituency they used to."



Big Yin in



Billy Connolly talks about being the latest celebrity to discover that the Hollywood dream factory is all factory and no dream. and about selling out. Weli, has he?

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In a class of our own?

Matthew Parris on John Major's call for a classless Britain. Do we want it, or will Britons ever, evermore be slaves to snobbery? SATURDAY REVIEW

Gifts: adding a personal touch

Choosing a gift that matches the person need not be harder than buying yet another pair of socks. How to find the gift with something extra WEEKEND LIVING

Not only Levin. but also . .



Trust sets

aside hunt

ban vote

By MICHAEL MCCARTHY

THE governing council of the

National Trust last night re-

jected last month's vote of its

membership to ban deer hunt-

ing on trust land from next

August, delighting the field

sports lobby and infuriating

years the most difficult de-

cision in its 95-year history by

setting up a scientific working

party to study the conserva-

tion and management of red deer on the Quantock Hills

and Exmoor, the two principal

areas where deer hunting takes

place and where the existence

of hunts was threatened by a

No action will be taken by

the trust about nunting of any

kind, including fox hunting.

before the annual general

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ban on trust land.

The trust put off for three

Bernard Levin enthuses about Fidelio. Peter Ackroyd on the post-Dickens Scrooge archetype, William Boyd sees the world's ggest soap opera SATURDAY REVIEW

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THE SPASTICS SOCIETY

BBC pulls the plug as The Listener loses £1m

pean economic and monetary

mission president, incor-

porates a variant of Mr Major's hard ecu proposal

into a speedier timetable for

handing over control of eco-

nomic and monetary policy to

dilemma. On the one hand it

will enable him to claim that

the European Community's proposals for EMU have now

been substantially modified in

line with his alternative. On

the other hand it invites him

to go along with the ultimate

aim of a single currency and

reaffirms many of the details

that he and Mrs Thatcher so

inter-governmental con-

ference opening immediately

after today's summit, calls for

a future EC central bank to

manage a strengthened Euro-

pean currency unit - in effect the hard ecu that Mr Major

has been presenting as his evolutionary approach to a

By giving the newly-estab-

lished Eurofed the respon-

sibility of managing a

strengthened ecu during the transitional Stage Two of EMU, M Delors has created a

function for the new European

central bank which is to be

established in January, 1994.

Under the original EMU plan, it was not clear what the

Eurofed would do until Stage

Three, when currencies are

irrevocably locked. The Eurofed in Stage Two would

bear close resemblances to the

European Monetary Fund

which Mr Major proposed

Details of how the ecu is to

should manage the hard ecu,

single currency.

The plan puts Mr Major in a

European institutions.

By MELINDA WITTSTOCK MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

THE LISTENER, the 61-year-old weekly magazine whose many famous and talented contributors have included George Orwell, A.J.P. Taylor, Clive James and Stephen Fry, is to cease publication next January - a victim of mounting losses and dwin-

dling circulation. Read by 27,000 when it was launched in 1929 to provide verbatim transcripts of BBC radio programmes that people may have missed, The Listener has suffered a decline in circulation from 153,000 at its height in 1949 to just 16,500 today.

An unprecedented advertising recession, combined with the decision last summer of the independent television companies to withdraw their financial backing, was the final

The Eistener

The first issue's masthead

nail in the coffin for the intellectual magazine whose future, along with that of Punch, The New Statesman and Society and other specialist magazines, has been in doubt for more than a year.

The BBC, whose overall revenue is set to decline following the government's decision to peg increases in the licence fee to less than the retail price index, said yesterday that it could no longer sustain a magazine with losses approaching £1 million this year. Paul Fox, managing director of BBC Television and a director of

Listener Publications, said: "With the withdrawal of ITV, the BBC will have to bear the full burden of those losses. This is clearly incompatible with our responsibility to provide value for money to licence payers."

and Joanne Hurst, its general manager, were summoned to the BBC yesterday after the fateful BBC board of governors meeting. The 22-strong staff said in a joint statement: "We are extremely dismayed by the BBC's decision but we do not believe this is the end of the road for The Listener. As a staff, we're looking for backing, with or without the BBC, and we have already developed new editorial plans

for the magazine." The Listener was broadcasting world.

and former editor of both Punch and Peter Fiddick, The Listener's editor, The Listener, said the closure was sad but inevitable. "It was like climbing the north face of the Eiger with a large gas stove strapped to your back," he said. "A circulation of under 20,000 is not enough to appeal to the vanities of the best columnists and critics, who can reach millions in a newspaper. The Listener, New Statesman, The Speciator and Punch just don't have

Families of Deal bomb victims may sue MoD

By RAY CLANCY

FAMILIES of the 11 Royal Marines bandsmen killed in the bombing at Deal, Kent, said last night they were considering legal action to try to find out more about security at the barracks where the device was planted despite a high security alert.

After a jury returned verdicts that the bandsmen were unlawfully killed when a "typical IRA device" was the Royal Marines school of families said they were not satisfied with the security details given at the inquest in

Audit office savings of £215m

By Peter Victor

SAVINGS of £215 million have been achieved by the National Audit Office as a result of changes agreed with government departments in 1988 and 1989, according to the audit office's annual report. Reduced costs of British forces in Germany accounted for £73 million.

The audit office expects savings of £100 million a year through more efficient use of hospital operating theatres and £250 million a year from improvements in the reliabil-

ity of defence equipment.
The audit office investigates independently all aspects of government activity with a view to persuading departments to provide better value for money. John Bourn, head of the audit office, said yesterday that the organisation is to introduce a regional structure with an office in Leeds. A fifth of its 900 staff will work in the northern region.

The report says that audit office estimates of savings by government departments in response to its recommendations include £1.6 million recovered by customs and £2 million a year through prompt collection of money due from US forces in the UK.

After audit office recommendations, the Treasury has issued guidance to departments on weakness in internal control, including computer abuse, and the need for contingency planning, bill checking, call logging and private calls by staff. Some government departments have also cut down their use of consultants for non-specialist information technology work and improved project

The four-day hearing was told that doors to the coffee because the key was broken and it was easy for an intruder to enter the barracks over low

Security was provided by Royal Marines and Reliance, a private firm, but details of its activities at the site were not given. Questions on security were blocked by Richard planted in the coffee room at Sturt, the East Kent coroner, after counsel for the Ministry music in September 1989, the of Defence said such information could compromise military security elsewhere.

Fraser Whitehead, solicitor acting for the family of Musician Richard Fice, aged 22, who died in the blast, said critical questions had not been answered as the inquest was restricted by a certificate of public interest immunity requested by Archie Hamilton, the minister for armed forces. "I recognise there is a need for such certificates but I personally believe that in this particular case it may have gone further than necessary, Mr Whitehead said.

Three crucial issues had to be examined, he said: why nothing was done to step up security at Deal when an extra £88 million was allocated to the MoD to do so at its establishments after the bombing of Inglis barracks, north London, in August 1988; why the perimeter fence at Deal was not made reasonably secure when there had been a state of high alert since January 1988; and why Deal was allowed to remain a soft target.

"As we could not ask these questions at the inquest we are looking to obtain the answers in the civil courts." Mr Whitehead said. The action would probably be against the defence ministry with a view to obtaining damages for the families.

The jury had taken 80 minutes to return verdicts of unlawful killing on Corporal Trevor Davis, 39, Musician Richard Jones, 27, Corporal Dean Pavey, 31, Corporal Andrew Cleatheroe, 25, Muexcise from the European sician Richard Fice, 22, Mu-Community and £1 million to sician Timothy Reeves, 24, Musician Robert Simmonds. 34. Musician Michael Ball. 24. Corporal David McMillan. 26, Musician Mark Petch, 26, and Musician Christopher

Nolan, 21. Lieutenant Colonel Ian Gardiner, who became commandant at Deal two months ago, said afterwards that the security issues which emerged had been noted and "appro-priate action was taken". He said he had been enormously impressed by the courage of those who had survived, some of whom were still unable to fully play their instruments.

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Royal decades: Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, 90 this year, with the Princess Royal, aged 40, the Duke of York, aged 30, and Princess Margaret, aged 60, at the Buckingham Palace ball to mark their birthdays

UDM to ballot miners on offer of 10% pay rise

By TIM JONES, EMPLOYMENT CORRESPONDENT

THE Union of Democratic the NUM executive in Shefits 17,000 members.

cept. It would mean increases ranging from £18.35 for top-grade face workers to £13.75 for surface workers. Basic pay of the highest graded underround worker would increase from £183 to £201 a week.

The offer came as Arthur grow. Scargill, president of the rival National Union of Minerecognise the UDM, which was created because of his refusal to ballot members over embarking on the 1984-5 pit strike, has left him unable to negotiate any improvement in pay for his members for more than five years. Every rise his members have received has been imposed after Coal and the UDM.

faced an attempt, led by George Bolton, president of the Scottish area, to make him "face reality" by stepping down and standing for reclection. Last month, memorated the NU factor of the NU fa bers of the NUM delivered a rebuff to Mr Scargill when they ignored his pleas and voted to reject calls for industrial action over a £50-a-week

Mineworkers appeared to be field, the call to force Mr close yesterday to securing a Scargill and Peter Heathfield 10 per cent rise in basic pay for the union's general secretary, to stand for re-election was British Coal's offer will be ruled to be out of order and put to the union's members in not discussed. After the meeta postal ballot in the new year ing, Mr Bolton said: "The with a recommendation to ac-membership have had five years of no negotiations because of our refusal to sit alongside the UDM. There is a growing anger in the coalfield on this question and that was expressed in the ballot and that expression of anger will

He added: "The Scottish miners have made it quite workers, was again fending off clear. If there are no talks there an attempt to force his will be no industrial action resignation. His failure to They are demanding talks They are demanding talks first." Mr Scargill has refused to agree to Britsh Coal's insistence that only the majority union has negotiating

rights at any given pit.

John Northard, British Coal's deputy chairman, said: "With inflation falling significantly and forecast to be down to 6 per cent by the middle of next year, acceptance of the package of improvements will Yesterday, Mr Scargill give mineworkers increased miners at the top of the industrial earnings league. Roy Lynk, the UDN president, said: "We feel we have

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MEPs want code for submarines in Irish Sea

called for by Euro MPs yesterday to avoid a repetition of the accident in which the fishing boat Antares was sunk by the submarine Trenchant with the loss of four crewmen in the Firth of Clyde last month.

Support for new measures. including a ruling that submarines should remain on the surface while crossing the Irish Sea, came from Labour, Scottish National Party and Northern Ireland MEPs and

net avoidance systems on home port of Carradale, Ar- the mourners. The harbour submarines and urged the British government to provide compensation for the families of the Antares' victims.

the commission would study the suggestions. The Conservative group said that recently were adequate and refused to support the motion. Meanwhile, Jamie Russell,

gyll, yesterday. The funeral of was filled with fishing boats, Stewart Campbell, aged 29, will be held today. The body of the fourth crewman, Billy Karel Van Miert, the trans-Martindale, aged 24, has not port commissioner, said that yet been found.

About 300 people filled the whitewashed parish church and hundreds more gathered introduced safety measures outside to hear the service on loudspeakers. Among wreaths

MORE precautions were for an international ruling for man, were buried at their submarine base was among many of the mourners having arrived by sea.

The Shetland coastguard.

meanwhile, continued searching yesterday for the crew of the fishing boat Premier which sank in gale forces winds off Shetland on Wednesday. They returned, however, having spotted only fish boxes were three from the and oil Richard Crowther, Trenchant's company. They Lerwick's coastguard station

in the first place. If any bodies come to the surface and are found we will do our very best to recover them." Of the initial rescue, he said: "We did a thorough and extensive search of the area and it was unfortunate and sad that it

night which could help deter-

mine what caused the problem

 Scottish fishermen said last night that they will ignore European Community rules if ordered to spend ten consec were supported by members aged 36, the skipper of the of the European parliament in Strasbourg. The MEPs called Campbell, aged 20, a crew-modore of the Clyde anything had popped up over-package.

erpool Street, were only ap-

proved because of their wider

social and environmental

benefits. Nevertheless, "most

rail investment schemes face

far more stringent financial

criteria than their road-based

alternatives," Mr Joseph said.

broader assessment of the

social and environmental

benefits of rail investment, the

alliance called for a long-term

investment programme for

rail, similar to the ten-year

programme used in road

British Rail has already

gone some way to meet this

construction.

As well as demanding a

Retirement application by official

Barry O'Neill, aged 56, director of social services for Staffordshire, where allega-tions involving children's homes are being investigated, is seeking leave to retire early. He is expected to leave his job this month if his application is approved next week.

Alan Levy, QC is investigating a controversial method for controlling adolescents called "pin down" alleged to have been used at two council-run children's homes. Mike Poulter, chairman of the county's social services committee. said Mr O'Neill had been under immense strain and his health had suffered as a result of enormous challenges facing

his department. Arrests 'illegal' Defence lawyers for the three

IRA suspects arrested last week by Belgian police are planning to appeal for the release of the men because their arrest may have been illegal. The lawyers have lodged an appeal, claiming a law which came into effect days before the arrests was not adhered to. A decision on the claim will be made early next week and the three could be freed immediately.

Dog must die

Therese Lawson, wife of the former Chancellor, may need skin grafts after being bitten in the leg by an alsatism, Hinckley magistrates were told yesterday. They ordered the dog to be destroyed and its owner, James Robinson, of Sharnford, Leicestershire, to pay £23 costs. He admitted failing to control the dog.

Arts jobs at risk The Royal Opera House has to lose 50 posts in the next year in order to deal with a projected £4.4 million deficit, Jeremy Isaacs, director general, told staff yesterday. There may have to be redundancies

among the 1,000 people working in the Royal Opera, the Royal Ballet and the Birmingham Royal Ballet, he said. Bridge of sighs A proposal for a steel bridge over the Severn, close to the

been rejected by the environment secretary. Shropshire county council wanted the bridge to relieve traffic conges tion at Ironbridge Gorge, which is a world heritage site and conservation area.

world's first iron bridge, has

Hamleys fined Hamleys, the toy shop, was yesterday fined £800 at Horsferry Road magistrates' court for opening its store in Regent Street, London, on a

Sunday last year. It was criti-

cised for not sending a repre-

scolative to court Jury at hotel The Old Bailey jury trying Rodney Whitchelo, aged 43, of Hornchurch, Essex, on

charges including blackmail and contaminating baby foodwas sent to a hotel last night after failing to reach a vertice

Price war is slashing profits, car trade say

By KEVIN EASON, MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

FIERCE price competition is The discounting war among margins in the retail industry, a monopolies enquiry was told

Britain's 7.500 motor dealers countered accusations of profiteering in its evidence to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission (MMC), which is investigating why car prices can be up to 30 per cent cheaper in the rest of Europe.

forcing motor dealers to ac- manufacturers, which has cept some of the lowest profit meant cuts of up to £1,000 in showroom prices, has reduced dealer profit margins to 1 per cent of turnover before tax, according to the Retail Motor Industry Federation (RMI). which represents dealers. That

> supermarket chains, the federation said. It added that even in last year's record market, when 2.3 million new cars were sold, profits were "no more than narzinal".

compares with net margins of

5 to 7 per cent made by

Neil Marshall, the organisation's chief economist, said: "It is blatantly obvious that there is huge price com-petition in Britain. It is not enough to just look at the showroom price, and consumer groups have found that this country has the highest levels of discounting in Europe, while other deals are offered, such as in low-cost finance, for example."

The evidence from the federation is among the first to be collected by the MMC, which is investigating claims by consumer groups that British customers were being "milked" with prices substantially above those on the The motor industry federa-

tion, however, says in its evidence that price differences can be put down to specifications that vary from market to market as well as differing levels of taxation.

Rifkind told to end bias against public transport

By MICHAEL DYNES, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

called for yesterday by an alliance of public transport campaigners, environmental groups, local government bodies, and private-sector More than 30 organisations,

including Transport 2000, the pro-public transport lobby, the Association of Metropolitan Authorities, property developers, and motoring organisations, are backing the initiative calling for an end to what is seen as the bias against

public transport. In a joint statement, the alliance members urged Malcolm Rifkind, the transport secretary, to abandon a transport strategy which, they argue, has left public transport investment restricted by private sector disciplines, while private transport investment is allowed to benefit from public sector considerations.

the Protection of Rural Eng-land, this confusing state of affairs results from the government's imposition of commercial disciplines on rail investment, while applying non-commercial considerations to road schemes.

beneficial rail investment projects, such as the proposed Edinburgh-Aberdeen and the

A RADICAL overhaul of gov- Midland mainline electrificaernment transport policy was tion schemes were rejected because they are unable to demonstrate the 8 per cent rate of return required by the government for rail investment, Mr Joseph said.

not in themselves satisfy the 8 the cost equation, he said.

According to Stephen Joseph, director of Transport 2000, an organisation funded by British Rail, the rail unions, and the Council for

As a result, many socially

At the same time, road

investment schemes that may per cent return criteria often secure government approval because the value of reduced congestion, pollution, and improved safety, are factors in

Not all rail investment schemes are required to jump this hurdle. Investment in the new London Underground lines, such as the extension of the Jubilee Line from Green Park to Stratford, and the planned East-West Crossrail



Rifkind: urged to change

demand, following its decision last month to abandon the traditional three-year corporate plan in favour of a long-term prospectus based on a "ten-year strategic planning horizon". However, the alliance wants this approach to be extended to include all other forms of transport, a practice applied with considerable success by Britain's European partners, Mr Joseph said. Local authorities should

also be empowered to draw up coherent packages of transport measures, integrating new road and rail links, bus and cycle lanes, and pedestrian precincts. These could then be financed as a whole, instead of the present piecemeal approach that often leads to some elements of a scheme being approved while others are rejected, Mr Joseph said.

Hospital receives £8m from shy donor

By KEVIN EASON, MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

of Nissan UK, yesterday became the biggest benefactor to Great Ormond Street hospital for sick children since I.M. Barrie donated the royalties from Peter Pan.

Mr Botnar's company handed over £8 million to the children's hospital in London, which has faced tight controls on spending recently. The donation will allow the hospital to realise plans for a pathology and research laboratory by 1993, using the most modern equipment 10 investigate a wide range of

diseases, including lenkaemia. Like Barrie, who specified that no details of his donation should be published, Mr thrust into the limelight tor Vehicles, whose board, training for deprived children.

gambled 21 years ago that directors who are repre-Japanese cars would become a in Britain in 1969. From 1,200 cars then, an-

proved a key factor in £650 million factory at Washington, Tyne and Wear, which employs 2,500 people. Reputedly a billionaire, it

to charity annually.

cent of profits are distributed and the Camelia Botnar cent owned by European Mo-

sentatives from various charsuccess in Europe. He signed ities. Nissan UK profits are exclusive rights to sell Nissan expected to be £55 million this cars, then known as Datsuns, year. No one knows the exact extent of Mr Botnar's giving but informed estimates are nual sales will reach 110,000 that at least £20 million has this year. His success also been paid out in the last five years. Hospitals, homes and persuading Nissan to build its the disabled have benefited as well as the Royal Ballet school, which received £1 million.

Mr Botnar lost his only emerges that Mr Botnar child, Camelia, in a car acrestructured his company in cident in the early 1970s. His the mid-1970s so that 5 per grief was turned into action Foundation runs a large coun-Nissan UK is now 71 per try estate in West Sussex, providing a home and job

OCTAV Botnar, the shy head business world, Mr Botnar Botnar, is made up of trustee rare public appearances yesterday at a lunch party at the Savoy hotel to celebrate 21 years running Nissan UK. His modesty still prevented him from speaking about the donation and staff were told not to use his name too often in references to the anniversary. News of the donation came

as an afterthought with no specific announcement, although Sir Anthony Tippet, general manager of Hospitals for Sick Children, was at the lunch. He said: "We are delighted with Mr Botnar's generosity. This donation is the largest we have received." Nissan UK's £8 million

overtakes J.M. Barrie's gift of the royalties from Peter Pan, which are thought to have brought in more than fl million חציב 53 עפורים

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attempted murder o be on a order at the Bolton Block The Boston Block The arship have the few manufactures. RUSSELL Bishop, the man who was acquitted three years Hadaway and Nicola Fellows, the Whitehawk Estate, Brighboth aged nine, in Wild Park ton, when Bishop bundled her of the UDM There's ago of the Babes in the Wood young girl.

Cheering erupted at Lewes crown court when Mr Justice Nolan ordered him to be taken away after telling him: "You are a very dangerous man, perhaps even more dangerous than you realise." Bishop, aged 24, an un-

employed labourer and father of three, was convicted of abducting a seven-year-old girl and sexually assaulting her. He overpowered her as she roller-skated home, and drove her in the boot of his car to Devil's Dyke, a landmark on the South Downs in East Sussex, where he left her for dead after trying to strangle

The girl, who may not be named, survived the attack on February 4 and was able to describe her ordeal to police.

Bishop, an educationally sub-normal man who grew up in Brighton, also received ten years for kidnapping and ten years for indecent assault, the sentences to run concurrently everything possible was done with his life term.

After being convicted Bishop held his head in his hands and, surrounded by four prison officers, sat down in the dock and sobbed uncontrollably. Later there were scuffles and angry exchanges outside the court as members of his Bishop. The judge told the minded" policeman could family were escorted away by chief inspector. "You and the have "stitched up" Bishop. police, who had closed the road to traffic.

after deliberations lasting four of the bench and the gratitude hours 20 minutes at the end of of the public, I am sure, for the and independent checks on a four-week trial. The judge solving of this crime." told Bishop: "You have been found guilty of the attempted murder of a young child, and in circumstances almost as dreadful as can be imagined.

"You have pleaded not guilty and insisted on your innocence in the face of The Devil's Dyke victim is overwhelming evidence recovering well and has against you. You are a very continued to go to school the car a few days before and dangerous man, perhaps more dangerous than you realise. giving evidence from behind a Your conduct is all the more screen. WPC Debbie Wood, a appalling by the fact that you member of a special enquiry yourself are the father of unit dealing with child abuse young children."

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Bishop's conviction follows a smashing little girl."
his acquittal on December 10,
The girl was returning from

Girl's sex attacker

jailed for life for

near their home on the murders, was sentenced to life Moulescoomb Estate, Brighimprisonment yesterday for ton. His mother, Sylvia the attempted murder of a Bishop, a dog trainer, said at the time that Bishop had never hart anyone in his life and added: "He's a lovely kid - be puts himself out and will

do anything for anybody." The crimes became known as the Babes in the Wood murders. Police declined to say last night whether they planned to interview Bishop over those killings, but said that the file remained open for further evidence.

In an open letter, the victim of Bishop's assault at Devil's Dyke, said: "To all my friends, I would like to thank you for all the lovely presents you have given me. I am feeling very well now and all my scratches have gone. I am having a lovely Christmas and I would like to wish you a merry Christmas."

Her parents added in a statement: "We are glad it's all over. The trauma and anxiety of the past months have left us physically and mentally exhausted. We are satisfied that to bring out the just and correct conclusion to the

trial." The impartiality of detectives led by Detective Chief Inspector Tim O'Connor had been questioned in court by other officers have born the brunt of very severe criticism. The jury convicted him I offer you the commendation

> Chief Insp O'Connor said later: "My reaction is one of satisfaction. No one likes to be defence you attack the police."

oung children." cases, visited the girl in hos-The judge, who described pital. "She was extremely



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Russell Bishop, his mother Sylvia Bishop, a well-known dog trainer, and the girls he was aquitted of murdering

Bishop struck as the police searched for his car

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into the boot of his stolen

Ford Corting. As she was

driven more than ten miles to

Devil's Dyke she kept her

presence of mind, removing

her roller-boots so that she

could escape more easily if she

got the chance, and hammer-

ing on the inside of the boot

lid with tools that she had

found. When Bishop stopped the car be transferred her into

the back then tried to strangle

her, leaving her unconscious

After coming round, the girl

After the trial, Lee

sought help from two passers

by. She was naked and crying.

Hadaway, father of the mur-

dered Karen Hadaway, said:

living our lives again." His

wife Michelle added: "Bishop

Perhaps we can now start

as he sexually assaulted her.

writes). In the latest trial, Ronald Thwaites, QC, Bishop's counsel, set out to imply that police were influenced by their knowledge of the earlier case Ronald Thwaites, counsel for and claimed that an "evilhave "stitched up" Bishop.

However, police took extraordinary care to ensure they did not "cross-contaminate" the second case with the first the forensic science evidence by experts called in by the defence could find no fault.

Just two days before Bishop called corrupt and incom- kidnapped the girl aged seven, petent. But it is a sign of the he followed a girl, aged eight, times that when there is no in his red Ford Cortina. registration number TJN 673W. The eight-year-old and a friend had been trailed by throughout the trial, after this time she noted the registration then ran to her home where she wrote down

However, as police ran a computer search for the vehicle, Bishop struck, abducting the abduction as carefully calm, informative, and co- the seven-year-old on the planned, said that life was the operative in speaking about only sentence to match the charge. WPC Wood said. Whitehawk estate on February 4—three years to the day after the funerals of the Babes in the Wood murder victims. Bishop was arrested on Feb-

RUSSELL Bishop was sen- ice took the step - red Ford Cortina had been tenced in the same dock at unprecedented in criminal seen on the Whitehawk estate. Lewes crown court where cases other than serious fraud He protested his innocence Babes in the Wood victims, three years ago he was acquit—of calling in a leading crimiand said he was the victim of a the latest trial revived harrow-ted of the Babes in the Wood nal law barrister, Tudor hate campaign. Posters showing memories of October murders (Michael Horsnell Owen, to decide whether the ing his photograph and readsuspect should be charged and ing "Warning Notice. This were strangled. Susan Fellows, to help to run the investiga-

tion. The success of the enquiry, in effect run jointly by Mr Owen and Detective Chief Inspector Tim O'Connor, sic scientists at Aldermaston Hadaway, aged 38, was in the head of Brighton CID, may lead to barristers being called in more regularly.

Bishop emerged as one of a number of suspects after police discovered that his stolen

ing his photograph and readman is a child killer" went up around Brighton.

His conviction was a triumph for Home Office forenwho spent five months public gallery every day. conducting DNA tests on Mrs Hadaway, who semen and saliva stains that established that there was a chance of only one in 80 mil-

For the two mothers of the aged 41, could not bear to attend the court until the final day - "just to see him sentenced". However, Michelle

Mrs Hadaway, who now lives in Walton-on-Thames, Surrey, said: "We exist from day to day. Lee [her husband] lion that police had got the bottles everything up inside. jury's acquittal verdict.

We have never wanted revenge. But we want justice." Mrs Fellows said: "Nicky can now sleep in peace. She is never out of my mind. She was my little angel."

The family is considering legal action. It has been encouraged by the recent Court of Appeal decision in which Gail Halford won a 12-year battle for the right to sue two men she claims killed her teenage daughter. Mrs Fellows also called for the law to be changed so that the prosecution would appeal against a

Enquiry into Yard officer begins

By STEWART TENDLER

PETER Nobbs, chief constable of West Yorkshire, was called in by the Home Office and Scotland Yard vesterday to investigate allegations that an assistant commissioner has been involved in improper police work for Asil Nadir, head of the collapsed Polly

Peck group. Wyn Jones, the assistant commissioner involved in the allegations, began leave yesterday and is not expected back at work until the investigation is complete. Mr Jones, aged 47, oversees training and personnel and is the highest ranking officer in the Metropolitan police to be placed under investigation in recent times.

Mr Nobbs was asked to begin the enquiry after Kenneth Baker, the home secretary, studied overnight a report drawn up for Sir John Dellow, the acting commissioner. In a statement the Yard said Mr Baker and Sir John had decided fuller enquiries were needed.

The allegations are understood to have been made by a chief superintendent himself under investigation for contacts with Mr Nadir. Mr Jones is alleged to have been aware of work by Chief Supt Michael McMurray in helping to set up a bodyguard team for Mr Nadir. The assistant commissioner is said to have helped Mr Nadir by vetting prospective employees.

Mr Jones is also alleged to save had contacts with Polly Peck, which emerged after police raids

Friends of Mr Jones say he strongly denies the charges.

1987, of the murders of Karen a corner shop to her home on mary 5 and two days later pol-Sonia Sutcliffe out to excite jurors' sympathy, QC says

Peter Sutcliffe, the Yorkshire a third party in the case. Ripper, was callous and deceitful, had committed perjury and had conspired with her mother to mislead juries in the libel actions she had brought, it was claimed in the

ninth day of a libel trial in "Sonia is a living victim. As I which Mrs Sutcliffe is seeking have said before, I wish she damages for an article alleging she had an affair with a Greek tourist company director not be standing here. I just while on holiday in Greece. cannot stand it any more."

Mr Carman said that Mrs Sutcliffe had sought to excite the jury's sympathy at every opportunity in the witness box, but had shown no sym-pathy for relatives of her husband's victims. He said that Mrs Sutcliffe's "chilling words" describing his murders as "a humane termination of life" would linger long, and perhaps for ever, in jurors' minds.

Earlier, Mrs Sutcliffe's mother, Maria Szurma, had broken down in tears in the witness box, sobbing that her daughter was "a living victim" Sutcliffe's crimes. Mrs Szurma was being questioned by Barbara Jones, a journalist,

SONIA Sutcliffe, the wife of who is representing herself as cliffe's solicitor, told Geoffrey

High Court yesterday.

George Carman, QC, for the News of the World, made the allegations in opening the newspaper's defence on the newspaper's defence on the suffering since ever it started."

keep coming and writing lies, housing benefit apparation stating her capital as "none".

Mrs Pambridge said that \$25,000 received from the Yorkshire Post had been allocated by her to several libel

she had been dead, she would Eileen Pembridge, Mrs Sut-



third party in the case. Shaw, counsel for Mrs Sut-Miss Jones had asked cliffe, that she had no record whether it was not right that of having told Mrs Sutcliffe of mass murder should be the amount she had paid into publicised. Mrs Szurma said: a building society account in "I wish the press would leave" her name in December 1988 us for ever in peace. They just before Mrs Sutcliffe made a keep coming and writing lies. housing benefit application

"Sonia is a living victim. As I cated by her to several libel have said before, I wish she cases against various news-was one of those victims. If papers. She was not at liberty to remit the money to Mrs Sutcliffe, who had received legal aid in pursuing the case against the Yorkshire Post.

Cross-examined by Mr Carman, Mrs Pembridge described the Yorkshire Post settlement as "chicken feed in terms of all the actions". She said: "You must remember that at that time it was still open season on Mrs Sutcliffe." Mrs Pembridge agreed that Mrs Sutcliffe had filled the benefit form inaccurately. She told Mr Carman that it would have been safe for her to release £5,000 to Mrs Sutcliffe if it had been asked for.

Mrs Pembridge said she saw Miss Jones as "pivotal" to her case, but the journalist had declined to give an affidavit. The case continues today.

Beatrix Potter hunt dispute By RONALD FAUX

WHAT did Beatrix Potter feel postpone for two years a stag although at the time no hunting about hunting foxes and unhunting ban. "We have been ing took place. The trust now

Rabbit's dad and incarcerated would not have approved." the Flopsy Bunnies in a sack

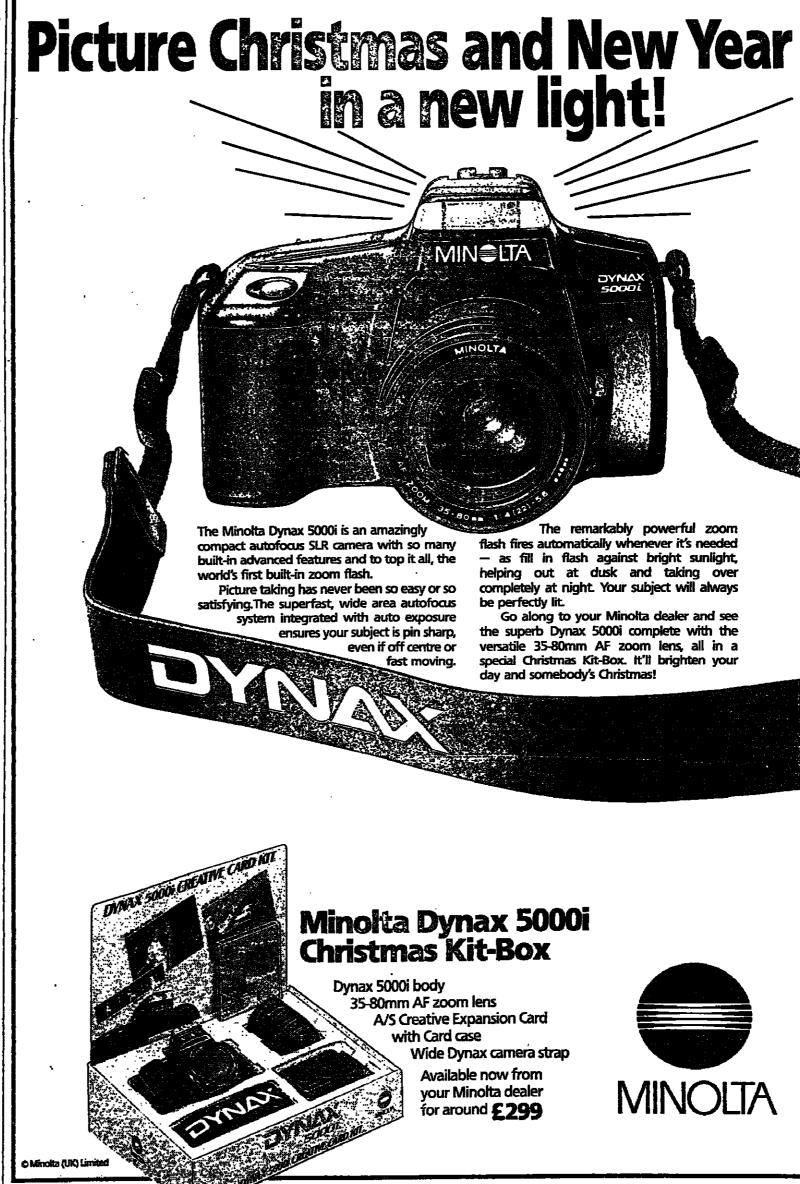
because it believes that the spirit of her will is being spirit of her will is being trust the 2.600-acre Monk childen's books about animals Coniston estate without any her views would be senti-

hedgehogs, rabbits and mice. itical officer for the league, The fearful Mr McGregor said. Things are happening who made a pie out of Peter on her land of which she

The author bequeathed until rescued by Thomasina Troutbeck Park Farm to the it," Miss Smith said. Tittlemouse, was the closest trust with the stipulation that Miss Potter came to introduc- hunting across the land by ing a human hunter into her other hounds and harriers Coniston hunt. "It was a part stories. The League Against would be forbidden. This ban, of the natural process of Stories. The League believes, makes country life at the time." It been scrutinising her attitudes clear her attitude to such was wrong of the league to because it believes that the activities. She then left to the assume that because she wrote

leashing harriers? There are tying loose ends together from licenses harriers there, which few clues in her will and even information received about the league sees as an infringefewer in her books, which Beatrix Potter's bequests to ment of the spirit of Miss teach children to care for the trust," Angela Smith, pol- Potter's will. "There is fox hunting, too, at Troutbeck Park and if Beatrix Potter had been aware then of what is known now about fox hunting she would not have allowed

The trust said, however, that the author followed the



Prisons chief says 'inhumane' Brixton jail must be rebuilt

By QUENTIN COWDRY, HOME AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

committed suicide last year, should be redeveloped to provide a humane regime and repair the damage caused by a century's neglect, Judge Tumim, chief inspector of prisons, says in a report crowded psychiatric wing. The published today.

The report, one of the most critical produced by the inspectorate, focuses on the harsh conditions for the unusually large numbers of remand and mentally disturbed prisoners at the Victorian-built jail. It urges Kenneth Baker, the home secretary, to ensure that immediate steps a permanent smell of urine, are taken to improve their the walls bore faecal stains and quality of life.

Judge Turnim, who says that the prison is failing in its duty to look after inmates with humanity, makes 173 recommendations. Mr Baker is urged to approve a multieducation and exercise for on F wing Most hanged them-prisoners and to provide a psychiatric intensive care Judge Tumim says that all F

a gymnasium, that only 200 of levels should be increased and the 1,000 inmates worked, more out-of-cell activities prothat the hospital and psychi-atric wing were seriously understaffed and that many greater use should be made of

with windows providing bars from which they could hang themselves.

The report's most scathing comments are reserved for the iail's hospital and F wing, the report says the complement of

At the time of the inspection, 239 inmates were being mattresses were dirty. Other cells were little better. As elsewhere in the jail, in-

mates had to "slop out" because of the lack of lavatories in their cells and were locked up for most of the day. million redevelopment to rec- Of the eight prisoner suicides tify the lack of work, at Brixton in 1989, seven were ward in the prison hospital.

The report says that Judge
Turnim was shocked to find
that prisoners had no access to

Togge Furnim says that all I

wing cells should be refurbished to brighten the atmosphere and to remove obvious "suicide aids". Staff

BRIXTON jail in southwest mentally disturbed prisoners section 48 of the Mental London, where eight prisoners were held in dirty, ill-lit cells Health Act, which allows for the transfer to psychiatric hospitals of prisoners who refused, or failed to respond to, medication. Given the apparent reluctance of the NHS psychiatric services to admit Brixton prisoners, the prison hospital should be equipped with a specialist psychiatric unit.

It goes on to say that Judge Tumim was shocked by the "anstere and miserable" conditions suffered by remand prisoners, who make up two-thirds of the jail's roll.

The Home Office says in a

statement today that the planned opening of two new local prisons in the South-East over the next two years will reduce overcrowding at Brixton and allow improvements to be made. But it says that many of the report's criticisms are out of date. Hospital staffing had improved and more officers were due to join soon. The Home Office had appointed a team to consider the proposal that a psychiatric intensive care ward should be created.



Morning after the storms: Flooding on the A12 at Blythburgh, Suffolk, yesterday after overnight gales winds hit East Anglia. The river Blyth burst its banks making the London to Lowestoft road impassable. However, the region was taken off flood alert after a potentially dangerous high tide

The most severe storm damage occurred at Easton Bavents, near Southwold, Suffolk, where six yards of cliff edge crumbled away forcing occupants to leave one of the three houses on the clifftop. Gloria and Donald Liddell were moved by officials

out of their £73,000 retires a council house inland. Their home was next to an unoccupied holiday bungalow which was left only feet from the cliff edge. Dangerous structure notices were served on the owners of both cottages by Waveney district

Rethink urged on child payment

By Jill Sherman SOCIAL SERVICES CORRESPONDENT : "

THE government was inged yesterday radically to rethink its white paper on child maintenance to avoid penalising poor families.

The Child Poverty Action Group says that the paper, Children Come First, is narrowly conceived and should be part of a wider strategy to tackle poverty in single-parent families. "In aiming to reduce lone parents' dependence on the state, the government appears to overlook the problems of increasing their dependence on their ex-partners."

The group urges the withdrawal of a proposal to deduct £7.35 per week from single parents' benefit if they withhold the address of the absent partner. A plan to deduct 5 per cent from the benefit of usemployed absent parents should also be withdrawn. The absent parent is entitled to a minimum standard of living." • Government proposals to reform the way child maintenance is paid are likely to make a clean break between divorcing parents difficult, the Legal Action Group, representing legal aid and advice lawyers, says today.

Charities warned over shock tactics

By MELINDA WITTSTOCK, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

CHARITIES and pressure funds. Their tactics, when it groups are running into trou-ble with advertising watch-become far more aggressive as dogs over misleading and a result," Caroline Crawford, sometimes aggressive an ASA spokesman, said. advertising campaigns aimed at raising funds from a dwin-

dling number of givers. The Advertising Standards ity take their responsibility to Authority (ASA), which this week condemned as exaggerated and misleading a "The national press claim by a cancer charity to advertisement placed by the have pioneered a breast cancer Imperial Cancer Research therapy that avoided physical Fund was investigated by the and mental scars, says that ASA after it received several some charity advertisers are complaints from doctors turning to "shock tactics" as disputing the charity's claim contributions dwindle.

Found closed last month that the not the breast. The advertisenumber of Britons making ment showed a photograph of one donation at least a year a breast with the headline: had fallen from 80 per cent two years ago to 74 per cent in woman with breast cancer has 1990. The average size of don- to live without a breast". ations was down 35 per cent.

more charities are competing est", is now drafting a guide for a diminishing pool of for charity advertisers.

'wanted to

avoid alarm'

A senior official who briefed

government ministers on the Camelford water contamina-

tion was told that it would not

be appropriate to make public

the cause, Exeter crown court was told yesterday.
The now-privatised South
West Water Authority is ac-

cused of carelessly allowing 20

tons of aluminium sulphate to

go into the mains supply to 20,000 homes in north Corn-

wall in July 1988, failing to

diagnose the problem quickly

enough, and failing to warn

the public. The authority de-

nies causing a public nuisance.

head of the environment

department's water technical

division at the time, said that

Keith Court, chairman and

chief executive of the water

authority, had told him that

disclosing the cause of the

accident would arouse undue

A man who was stung by a

wasp died after suffering heart failure, minor brain haem-

orrhages and partial collapse

of his lungs, an inquest at Hull

was told yesterday. Peter Gladwin, the coroner, re-

corded a verdict of misadven-

ture after hearing that Robert

Moses, aged 46, of Beverley.

Humberside, was allergic to

Almost 1,000 children were

ordered out of a school at

Rhydfelen, Mid Glamorgan,

yesterday when Sian Hode-

son, a 12-year-old pupil, brought in a hand grenade

from a relative's home. Les-

sons resumed after bomb ex-

perts had checked the device.

Abandoned mail

Gravediggers at a Carlisle

cemetery have found a batch

of unopened letters and pack-

ets addressed to people in the

city, it was disclosed yes-terday. The Post Office said

that that it was the second similar discovery and an en-

Grenade scare

wasp stings.

Fatal sting

Michael Healey, who was

However, the CAF said: "While some charities do exaggerate claims, the major-

that it was responsible for Research by the Charities pioneering the treatment, "Thanks to us, not every

The ASA, charged with en-"With an extra 4,000 new suring advertisements are "lecharities registered last year, gal, decent, truthful and hon-

Kasparov

call for

chess draw

By RAYMOND KEENE

CHESS CORRESPONDENT

The 19th game of the World

Chess Championship, played in Lyons, France, late on

Wednesday, ended in a draw

proposed by Kasparov, play-

ing black against Karpov's white, after 39 moves. Experts

such as the former world

champion Boris Spassky had

maintained that black had the

advantage and should have

played on to press for a win.

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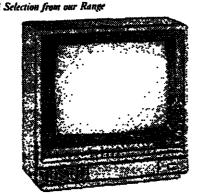
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open with a pawn sacrifice. In the final position, where he offered a draw, Kasparov clearly believed that he had good compensation for the pawn but no more. Had the game continued white's 40th move would probably have been Qb2, offering the ex-

change of queens. In any case, Kasparov has protected his lead, now standing at 10-9, with five games to play. Over the last five games Kasparov will enjoy the advantage of three whites to two, and, as defending champion, he needs to score only 12 points to retain his title.

The moves were: | Black | White | Black | White | Black | White | Black | Blac 1 d4 2 o4 3 Nc3 4 e4 5 Nf3 6 8e2 7 Be3 8 d5 9 Bg5 10 Bb4 17 No2 12 a3 13 f3 14 Bf2 15 Oc2 16 b4 17 Rb1 18 NT1 19 g3 20 b4

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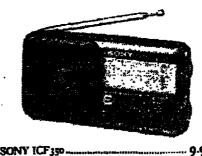
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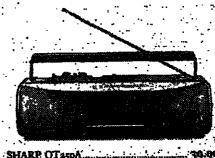
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COURVOISIER. And the evening began.

Baker rejects fears on police

secretary, told MPs yesterday that he did not accept that there was a funadamental lack of public confidence in the police (Peter Mulligan writes).

Any recent events that might involve a miscarriage of justice should not be underestimated, but only a few officers were concerned.

"It would be quite wrong to condemn the whole of the police service on account of that. There are over 125,000 uniformed police officers working day in and day out on the streets of our cities and they deserve our support."

During the exchanges, Opposition MPs expressed concern at reports of low morale among police officers of all ranks. Roy Hattersley, shadow home secretary, said that the collapse in police morale was widespread and desperately

dangerous". Mr Baker did not respond directly to that, but criticised Labour-controlled Derbyshire county council which, he said, had starved its police force of resources for eight years. He described last week's report on the police there by Geoffrey Dear, Midlands inspector of constabulary, as "one of the most worrying issued".

Parliament next week

The main business in the Commons next week will be: Monday: Debate on capital punishment on amendments to the Criminal Justice bill. Tuesday: Atomic Weapons Establishment bill, second

Wednesday: Christmas recess motion and Consolidated Fund bill when a variety of topics can be raised.

Thursday: Christmas adjournment debates on various

The main business in the Lords is expected to be: Monday: Debate on the Gulf. Tuesday: Gaming (Amendment) bill, third reading. Natural Heritage (Scotland) bill, report

Wednesday: Debates on Latin America and on homeless-

Thursday: Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments bill and Cara- ments for a European central approach. "It means regular vans (Standard Community bank and expressed reservareadings.

Smith stays vague on EC single currency

By NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

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Mr Smith denied that his

insistence on a "substantial convergence" in economic

performance among the 12 EC

states amounted to an attempt

to delay the advent of a single

it is not seen as that", he said.

timetable and saying that by

such a date we will be assumed

to have reached such a level."

Asked if such convergence

would take place in the life-

time of a future Labour gov-

ernment, Mr Smith said: "I do

not believe one should make

these commitments. We must

work ceaselessly to get our

Mr Smith and Mr Hatter-

sley both made clear that the

touchstone of Labour's Euro-

pean policy was the statement

agreed by the national exec-

utive and not the Madrid

communiqué. Mr Hattersley

said the NEC paper was

The Madrid document ac-

knowledges that full EMU will

require budgetary respon-

sibility among member states.

It says that that could be

eral rules for the financial

basis of member state budgets.

that he would not be happy

with such rigid arrangements.

Labour favoured a looser

discussions between the fi-

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But Mr Smith made clear

achieved by laying down gen-

(economic) standards up."

'It is a better way of achieving

"It most certainly is not and

currency or a central bank.

JOHN Smith declined yes-terday to commit a future Labour government to a single European currency within the five-year lifetime of a parliament as the Opposition outlined the approach it would like Britain to adopt at the European summit starting in Rome today.

Echoing Margaret Thatcher's past and lone refusal among EC leaders to accept a January 1994 deadline for the next stage of monetary union, the shadow chancellor said that progress should not be dictated by "artificial dates

that are put in a diary".

Mr Smith argued that the pace of movement towards monetary union, which im-plies the creation of a single currency, should be largely determined by the degree to which the performance of the economies of the 12 EC states converged over the years

However, he rejected the government's plan for a "hard ecu" circulating in comnetition with EC currencies. It was not clear whether the it than by setting an arbitrary government saw its proposed common currency as an alter- the first of January at such and native to a single currency or a quick way of achieving it, Mr

At the summit, John Major will try to persuade his EC partners to put the "hard ecu" plan on the agenda for the inter-governmental conference on economic and monetary union (EMU).

The shadow chancellor was speaking at a Westminster oress conference at which Labour sought to present itself as adopting a more constructive attitude to European integration than the Conser-

Roy Hattersley, Labour deputy leader, said that Mr Major was going to Rome ill equipped to represent Britain's best interests. The prime minister's policy towards the Community was shrouded in

his customary grey mist. However, Mr Smith's remarks, in which he also disagreed with Karl Otto Pohl, president of the German Bundesbank, over arrangeions about this week's Ma drid communiqué issued by policies towards growth."



Smith: progress should not be dictated by "artificial dates that are put in a diary"

Poll tax burden on the sick and old reduced

By Our Political Correspondent

THE government made further changes to the community charge yesterday aimed at reducing the burden on old and sick people and cutting the payments of people whose homes are provided by their

Agricultural workers, the clergy and members of the armed services who live in homes provided by their employers and also own a property will be charged only half the personal community

As the government con-ducts a fundamental review of the charge, Michael Portillo announced a series of new regulations that will ease the burden on people whose home

Mr Portillo, the local government minister, said:
"Many people will benefit
financially from these changes which mean that they will face either no charge or half the rate of the personal community charge on certain types of

empty property".

The changes announced

mean that nobody will be liable for the community charge for the first six months that a property is empty and unfurnished and nobody for the first six months after grant of probate or letters of administration where the person liable to the charge is acting as personal representative. Under the previous regula-tions, the charge was liable after three months.

hospital or nursing home but does not sell his or her home will no longer have to pay the charge. The new regulations also mean that a person who because of old age, illness or disablement, has to leave his own home to be cared for elsewhere by a friend or relative will not pay the charge; nor will a carer who has to move from his own home to look after an elderly

Someone who has an empty property awaiting sale after epossession by a mortgage lender will not pay the charge and neither will people who have self-contained premises that it would be difficult to let

separately.

In the Commons, the prime minister was pressed to announce an immediate change to community charge legislation to help those on low incomes. John Major promised that a statement on the future of the charge would be made in due course when the government had ended its examination of the whole

charge.
Criticising Opposition MPs
who are refusing to pay their
community charge, Mr Major told a Labour MP who had demanded help for those on low incomes: "A very large number of people are eligible for a very substantial rebate system. You would make a good start if you could persuade some of your (Labour)

A person who enters a

question of the community

friends to pay their commu-nity charge."

Study of remand policy on boys

viewing remand accommodation for boys aged 15 and 16; John Patten, minister of state, told the Commons that he hopes to announce a decision before or soon after Christmat 7.5

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He was replying to a question by Labour spokesman, Joan Lestor, who said that the House and country had been shocked at the suicide of Phillip Knight at Swansea prison. She said that boys should not be put in aduit prisons.

BBC licence tee move

The home secretary, is hoping to make a statement about the future of the BRC licence fee in January. MPs were told at question time. Peter Lloyd, Home Office under secretary, said that Price Waterhouse, the charasked to advise on how the licence fee could be raised by less than the rise in the retail price index.

Hooligan law

When parliamentary time allows, legislation will be introduced to implement recommendations for curbing soccer hooligans that were contained in the report by Lord Justice Taylor on the Hillsborough stadium disaster, Peter Lloyd, Home Office minister, said.

Drugs unit

A Europe-wide drugs intelligence unit is likely to be set up to share information on drug trafficking in EC countries as well as central European nations and the Soviet Union, John Patten, Home Office minister, said.

Jail report

The report of the Woolf enquiry into the Strangeways prison riot is expected to be published early in the new year, Angela Rumbold, Home Office

Cricket plan

The Sports Council is working on detailed initiatives for promoting cricket among young people in partnership with cricket clubs, Robert Atkins, minister for sport, said.

Parliament today Commons (9.30): Debate on government's progress on economic and environmental issues in the developing world.

Bank governor under pressure to appear

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By ROBERT MORGAN

ROBIN Leigh-Pemberton, governor of the Bank on England, came under strong pressure in the Commons last night to give evidence to the Commons select committee investigating the Harrods

Members of the trade and industry select committee expressed clear dissatisfaction with his refusal to give evidence to aid their investigation into the takeover of Harrods and the House of Fraser by the Fayed brothers.

One of them, Robin Maxwell-Hyslop, Conservative MP for Tiverton, said that the governor should consider his

Kenneth Warren, chairman of the committee and Conservative MP for Hastings and Rye, speaking in a debate on City regulation, said that the governor had had since March to consider appearing.

It was high time that he responded on the worrying matter of whether the Harrods bank and its directors, includ-

own stability was not out of FINANCE

If Mr Leigh-Pemberton did ing the Fayeds, were trading in not respond to the select the proper manner under the committee which had powers requirements of the Banking to take evidence in strict confidence, then to whom was Mr Maxwell-Hyslop said

that the governor "has de-Mr Warren intervened to clined either to justify his say: "As yet, we have not inaction or report his action to sought to send for the govthe committee ... I think he ernor, but we have the right so ought to call into consideration his occupancy of that to do". The governor's duties, he plied: nicated with the governor. He

added, included overseeing whether persons running a bank or controlling it were fit "How it can be held that Mr Leigh-Pemberton before

somebody who has lied in a major degree to government inspectors is a fit and proper person to control the Harrods bank passes my understanding."

Mr Warren discounted the governor's fears that he would face prosecution under the Banking Act by revealing confidential information to a partiamentary committee. His advice was that he protected by parliamentary

Anthony Nelson, Conservative MP for Chichester, said that the inspectors' report on the House of Fraser and the committee's report seemed to have been summarily dis-missed by the government. He was one of several MPs who did not want to see the matter whitewashed. They would not let the matter go away and

quietly be forgotten. Mr Maxwell-Hyslop said that the "pyramid enterprise" of Harrods was in debt to the weakest of the three great banks of this country whose

MPs may soon be able to go indoors

THE sight of windswept MPs mittee believes that they huddled under umbrellas out- should no longer have to side the Commons while the give interviews may soon disappear from television.

Maxwell-Hyslop re-

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has refused to give us informa-

tion." He would have pre-

ferred to have evidence from

The Commons broadcasting select committee has anxiety that the outside broadordered a search for 2,000- cast facilities are not secure. 3,000 square feet for a studio and new control room to govern televising of the Commons, Lords and committees.

The recent leadership contest, with the BBC and ITV setting up an outside broad-cast "village" on College

underscored the need. Now that MPs have voted the Commons, the select com- be most popular.

College Green in bad weather while they are being interviewed. There has also been

In its search for a control room and interview studio. the select committee is looking at a site over the central lobby at Westminster, in the Treasury building basement in George Street or in stage one of the new parliamentary Green opposite the Lords, has building in Bridge Street, where the St Stephen's Tavern stood before redevelopment. for permanent televising of The central lobby site would

Bills face long, perilous, journey

ANDREW Faulds wants bigger fines for shopowners who sell cigarettes to children under sixteen.

Rosie Barnes wants victims of medical negligence to be entitled to compensation without proving negligence by the National Health Service. Michael Woodcock wants the ban on televising court proceedings lifted and Conal Gregory is trying to ensure that every home is fitted with a domestic smoke alarm by 1994.

As backbench MPs they were among the top 20 drawn in the ballot for

private members' bills, giving them the rare opportunity to promote legislation in the Commons and steer a bill

through Parliament. Early next year each MP's bill will be set down for a second reading, although the single word "object", probably uttered by a nameless government whip, may be enough to kill the measure. However, those measures finding favour with the government will be provided with encouragement, including assistance from the par-liamentary draftsmen, to help them clear the legislative hurdles.

The Home Office is expected to give broad backing to a bill that seeks to increase the penalties from a maximum £400 to £2,000 for those convicted of selling tobacco to people under 16. Andrew Faulds, Labour MP for Warley East, topped the ballot with the Children and Young Persons (Protection from Tobacco bill).

The measure also provides for a ban on the sale of tobacco to under-16s from vending machines, the selling of individual cigarettes to under-16s and prohibits some tobacco advertising. He has won cross-party support for the measure which is also supported by Des Wilson, the campaigner, the Royal College of Nursing and the British Medical Association. Ministers are likely to oppose increasing to £2,000 the maximum penalty for selling cigarettes to under-16s, although in the Criminal Justice bill, at present in committee, the maximum figure for a level three fine will rise from £400 to £1,000. Sir Richard Body, scourge of big



farmers and the National Farmers' Union, will try through his Pig Hus-bandry bill to make life a little better for breeding sows.

A long-time opponent of intensive farming, Sir Richard's bill would stop the use of neck and girth tethers on expectant sows and ban breeding sows from being kept in crates that prevent them from turning round. The ban would become effective in five years.

Conservative and Labour MPs supporting the National Health Service (Compensation) bill, sponsored by Rosie Barnes, independent Social Democrat MP for Greenwich, will face strong government opposition. The most contentious bill in the list, it would allow victims of medical mistakes or the side effects of drugs or faulty equipment to claim compensation without proving negligence on the part of the health service. It would create a medical injury compensation board that would be able to hear complaints and make compensation and instigate legal action against a third party such as a drug company.

An attempt to ensure that people have greater information about the the Prevention of Accidents.

safety of public buildings is being promoted in the Public Service Information bill, sponsored by John Bowis, Conservative MP for Battersea. He has won cross-party support for legislation that would force the owner of public building to notify the local authority of any safety hazard within 14 days of its being discovered. In another 14 days, the local council would have to put a notice about the hazard at the public entrance to the building.

Legislation to protect badger sets is to be introduced by Roy Hughes, Labour MP for Newport East, while Michael Woodcock wants to remove the ban on

televising proceedings in court. The prohibition on filming court proceedings was included in the 1925 Criminal Justice Act and Mr Woodcock's Courts (Research) bill would allow proceedings to be televised for an experimental period. The measure would also end the legal ban on approaching jurors to discover the discussion in the jury room and the way in which decisions are reached. It would enable research to be undertaken on

John Butcher's Estate Agents (Property Misdescriptions) bill aims to penalise estate agents who include distortions in the details of properties sent to prospective purchasers.

Mr Butcher, Conservative MP for Coventry South West, said: "It is an anachronism and anomaly that estate agents' description of domestic properties are not caught by the Trade Descriptions Act, 1968, which applies to the generality of goods and services

sold by shops and other businesses". With the first eight measures in the list generally believed to have the best chance of becoming law, Conal Gregory hopes that he will achieve his ambition of making it compulsory for every home to have a domestic smoke alarm by April 1, 1994. Mr Gregory's Domestic Smoke Alarms bill is number eight on the list, has support from Labour and Conservative MPs, Help the Aged, the National Housing and Town Planning Council and the Royal Society for

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of the rise in unemployment.

Redundancies, however, are not

an accurate measure of where

unemployment has hit, in part

because companies shedding fewer than ten people are not

costs without shedding labour,

Anti-inflation policy starts to take its toll

By PHILIP BASSETT INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

UNEMPLOYMENT has risen by 155,100 since April, when the number registered as jobless started to increase after falling for 44 successive months.

The reason for the rise is clear: the sourceze on demand initiated by the government's high interest rate policy, aimed at reducing inflation, is forcing companies to cut costs and to shed labour.

How and where unemployment is rising is less obvious. What is clear, though, is that the present rise is not that similar to the increase of the early 1980s during the last big economic recession. "it's different qualitatively, and in terms of numbers," Paul Convery, of the Unemployment Unit pressure group, said. Then, there were large-scale lay-offs, with the loss of 4,000-5,000 jobs at a time quite commonplace.

Unemployment hit hard among male, manual, semi-skilled workers in manufacturing industries in the North, Scotland and the

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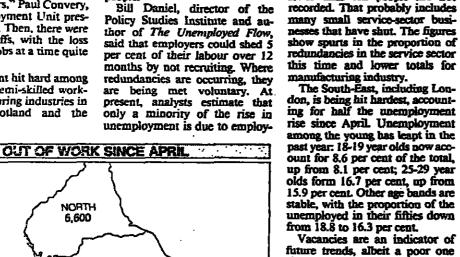
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Unemployment growth by region since April 1990

Yesterday's jobless figures raised the spectre of a return to the misery of the early 1980s, but, experts say. there are big differences

Now, at least so far, the picture is different. Lay-offs have been smaller - in part because there are fewer large plants than a decade ago. In the main, the largest contributor to rising unemployment has been non-recruitment: companies simply not taking on

Bill Daniel, director of the



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since only a third of vacancies are notified. They are down by a third overall, by half in the South-East and East Anglia, and by 57 per cent in London. Employment figures, numbers in work, are holding up, but they are slow, lagged indicators and forecasters expect to see the rise in employment ending soon, perhaps as early as next month. Whether all that will force down inflation is more questionable. Mr

Daniel said that unemployment had yet to hit the core employees in large companies whose high pay settlements contributed to wage-led inflation. If that view, and the gloomy prospect indicated by the poor level of vacancies, is accurate, then unemployment will continue to rise for a considerable time vet.

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Farewell to a car phone for Charles Barker, whose post-recession fate typifies that of many

Jobless 'to peak at 2.5m'

By Colin Narbrough ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

THE sharp acceleration in unemployment in November signals the start of what most forecasters expect to be a rapid deterioration in the next few months that will push the number out of work back to well over two million next year. As a lagging economic in-

dicator, unemployment usually starts to increase six to nine months after a downturn in the business cycle. . The counter-inflationary

squeeze the government set in train in 1988 has, in the opinion of many economists, taken a surprisingly long time to persuade companies to shed labour.

Changes in the population structure, with fewer young people entering the workforce, have been viewed as a key factor in slowing the return to sharply rising unemployment. Severe skills shortages in some sectors have also made employers more reluctant to resort to job-cutting.

As long as companies were convinced that the recession would only be mild, such arguments inhibiting labour-shedding were justifiable. With growing fears that the recession will be

much deeper than expected, atti-tudes could change fast. After unemployment started to pick up sharply in late 1979, the number of jobless increased by over 100,000 in some months, in the third quarter of 1980, the rise was 380,000. As the recession deepened, unemployment rose steadily to 2.5 million by 1981, and went on climbing to 3.3 million in 1986, allied industries.

albeit at a slower pace. The present recession is likely to be less harsh, as will be the shakeout of labour. The workforce in manufacturing is some 2.25 million smaller than it was before the last recession. City forecasters expect the jobless total to climb to

about 2.5 million in 1992. With membership of the exchange-rate mechanism of the European Monetary System now constraining Britain's scope for adjustment, it is feared that the number of unemployed will remain above two million for most of the Nineties, considerably more than the present 1.7 million.

Behind the latest increase is a squeeze on company profits, which has increased in severity as the economy moves into recession. Unable to raise prices because of disappearing demand, firms have turned to shedding

Though anecdotal evidence would point to to much of the pain being felt in the financial sector, the official figures suggest that manufacturing, the first sector to suffer from higher interest rates, is continuing to shrink its workforce. Every job in manufacturing is estimated to cost further jobs in

Although the unemployment rate for women is much lower than for men, the picture is likely to change as part-time jobs in retailing and other service sectors come under increasing pressure.

In spite of the surge in unemployment, the government should be able to argue that Britain will still have a lower jobless rate than most of its European partners.

Wage inflation is expected to respond only slowly to rising joblessness. However, there are signs of hope. The annual rise in average earnings appears stuck at about 10 per cent, somewhat below the inflation rate.

Inflation is forecast to drop sharply by the end of next year, falling to below 6 per cent late next autumn. If earnings continue to track inflation, a key inflationary pressure will ease.

When the lotus life has to end

By BILL FROST

THERE was once a time when Charles Barker described himself as the man who had everything. As a director on the board of the successful advertising agency Colmans, he drew a salary of £75,000 a year, enjoyed a lavish expense account and drove an upmarket company car.

The wheel of fortune turned full circle in July. Charles Barker was dismissed and is still unemployed. The board called me in and told me the company could do better without me. It was as blunt as that," he said.

A slide into depression followed his dismissal. "I looked at myself and thought, you are fat, 46 and unemployed'." For several weeks Mr Barker suffered agonies of selfdoubt. He was forced to trim his spending dramatically: no more holidays, no more expensive meals on the company, no more extravagant spending on luxuries.

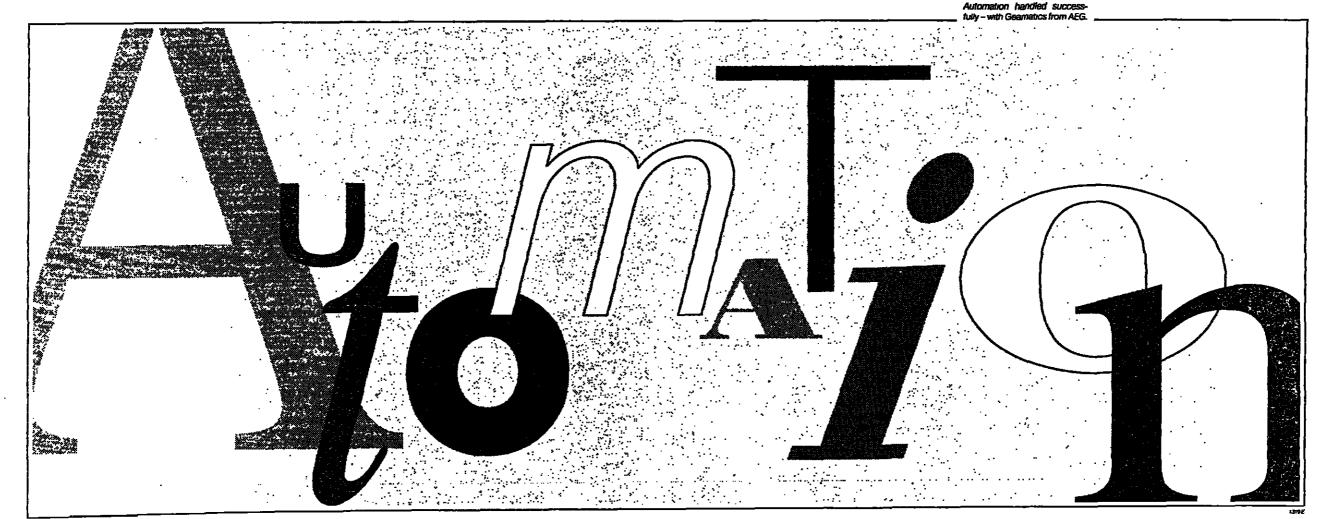
"It feels really horrible. You get the feeling you are in a whirling pit and you are full of this feeling of unnamed dread." he said. Gradually the depression wore off and self-esteem was restored. "I began to rationalise my predicament and realised that in these austere times the advertising industry is the first area to suffer. I also realised that at £75,000 a year I was an expensive commodity and lots of people got by quite nicely on considerably less than that."

Mr Barker described the life he once lived as pretty phoney. "It was all great fun for so many years. Now the party is over, most of my friends in the industry have been made redundant over the last year. There are no more men with silly bow ties and ridiculously large salaries."

He described his fall from affluence as a character-forming experience. "It came at an awful time because I was splitting up with my wife, too. But I picked myself up and thought about the future and what I was going to

In the new year he is setting up a mail order fashion business, using capital from his redundancy payment. Meanwhile, he is still coming to terms with relative poverty. "I still drink whisky and champagne, but I go for cheaper brands. I can't afford the car phone any more, it is being taken out today."

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Strategic arms treaty in sight as Moscow makes concessions

By MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

Union have agreed a remarkable package of "trade-offs" this week in the search for a deal on reducing strategic weapons. The deal will exclude Britain's Trident system from treaty limits and allow American inspectors to monitor Soviet factories producing SS24 and SS25 mobile missiles.

Although there are about 30 highly technical points outstanding before a strategic arms reduction treaty can be signed, both sides are now confident that an agreement will be reached in time for the summit between President Bush and President Gorbachev next February.

According to sources, Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet foreign minister, produced some late concessions before leaving Washington where he had met President Bush. American officials have not had time to make a proper assessment of the concessions, but the details of the agreement that emerged yesterday show that the Americans have achieved nearly all their objectives.

One of the most important agreements is that the Soviet Union will have to cut its nuclear missile throw-weight — the total amount of deliverable destructive power, currently standing at five million megatons - by 50 per cent. The Americans, with a lower throw-weight, will have to reduce theirs by a much smaller amount.

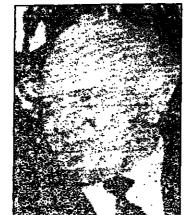
For the British government, the most reassuring aspect of the deal is that Trident, the American missile that is to replace Polaris, will be excluded from a Start agreement. The Russians have accepted that Britain's new deterrent will not affect the strategic balance. One American source said: "The US/UK nuclear cooperation programme will not be affected by Start. The British government has every reason to be satisfied with this."

For the Americans, the most important part of the deal is the agreement by the Soviet Union to reduce its 308 SS18 missiles, the largest in its strategic arsenal, by a full 50 per cent. However, as a trade-off, the Americans have had to drop their demand for a limit on test flights of the SS18. T he aim was to prevent the Russians from modernising the system. "There will be no quota in test flights but there will be some limits on modernisation," one source said.

The overall reduction in ballistic missiles will only be 30 per cent, not 50 per cent as had first been agreed between former President Reagan and President

THE United States and Soviet in SS18s, together with less stringent counting rules for bomber armaments, will have the effect of creating powerful incentives for the Soviet Union to place less reliance on destabilising land-based missiles in favour of greater numbers of more secure bombers and sea-based missiles. This has long been a goal of US arms control policy.

The treaty will be at least 500 pages long, filled with such a plethora of technical detail that



Shevardnadze: made

follow-on negotiations to reduce strategic systems will be far less complex. "Start 1 will be a permanent legislative framework for subsequent negotiations," the

Among the technical details still to be resolved are the finer points of the inspection regimes which will safeguard against cheating. The Americans have been anxious to have special perimeter monitoring facilities outside the Soviet factories producing the SS24 and

systems, there is greater scope for concealment. Soviet missile production is also different from the American system and it was considered vital that both the SS24 and the SS25 factories should be monitored.

After the talks in Houston between James Baker, the US secretary of state, and Mr Shevardnadze, it has been agreed in principle that the Americans should be able to set up permanent monitoring facilities outside the factories. The Russians will be able to do the same outside the American MX missile factory.

The treaty to be signed next February will have two separate declarations attached, which will give assurances on submarinelaunched cruise missiles and the Soviet Backfire bomber. The Backfire is an intermediate-range bomber. The Soviet Union has agreed to promise in a declaration that it will not try to turn the Backfire into a strategic bomber.

Washington, meanwhile, was taking stock yesterday in the wake of the non-stop diplomacy that also saw the US offer the Soviet Union food aid on a scale not seen since the Second World War.

Mr Bush's decision to send aid to Moscow was generally welcomed in Congress and elsewhere, but it was widely perceived as an attempt to shore up President Gorbachev and there was some unease about investing so much in one beleaguered and unpopular

A senior official also acknowledged that the administration was seriously concerned by signs of growing authoritarianism in Moscow and that Mr Baker had been given assurances by Mr Shevardnadze that there would be no crackdown on basic freedoms in the Soviet Union.



Walking advertisement: boutique owners and shopkeepers in Budapest have revived sandwich boards to publicise their wares, including Soviet army uniforms. The multilingual approach is designed to attract Western tourists visiting the Hungarian capital

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pointed a 55-year-old army colonel-general, Matvey Burlakov, to pull its 380,000 troops out of united Germany by 1994 (Reuter reports).

He replaces General Boois Snetkov as commander-in-chiefof the Western Group of Soviet Forces, one of the top jobs in the Soviet military.

"Burlakov will arrive in the next few days and Snetkov will leave before the New Year," said a Soviet army spokesman at group headquarters in Wünsdorf, south of Berlin.

Diplomats said General Burlakov had proved himself to be an able organiser as commander of Soviet forces in Hungary during their withdrawal.

He is one of the last senior officers who fought in the second world war.

Land reform plan

Prague - Czechoslovakia's gov. ernment yesterday proposed a land reform scheme that will allow millions of people to reclaim land confiscated since the Commu putsch of February 1948. The bill will also prohibit the sale of land to foreign individuals and companies, and will permit landowners to withdraw their land from co-operative farms.

Bonn road tax

Bonn - All road users in Germany, including foreign tourists, are likely to have to pay an annual toll of DM 100 (£35) from early next year to raise money needed to maintain roads and railways. Lorries and buses face a levy of up to DM 1,000. The toll is being discussed by the three coalition parties negotiating a programme for the next government.

Schluter holds on

Copenhagen - Negotiations began on forming a new Danish govern-ment after Wednesday's election saw record gains for the oppo-sition Social Democrats but pointed to the continuation of the minority coalition under Poul Schluter. His 21/2-year-old Conservative-Liberal-Radical coalition won 66 seats in the 179-seat Folketing, a loss of only one seat.

Kiev strike fails

Kiev - A general strike called to coincide with the opening of the Communist party's two-day congress in Kiev ended in almost total failure yesterday. All main military and civil factories in the city and its surrounding province continued working, although there was patchy support for the action, munist strike committee.

Threat of arrest for pastor who defied Ceausescu

By GABRIEL RONAY

THE Protestant pastor whose challenge to Nicolae Ceausescu triggered last year's revolution in Romania has become the object of a hate campaign and faces arrest for allegedly "organising a second revolution to topple the Riescu regime".

Just days before the first anniversary of the Romanian revolution, Vasile Vacaru, the Senate caucus leader of the ruling National Salvation Front, accused the Right Rev Laszlo Tokes, Bishop of Oradea, the hero of the part of a wider,

activities" and demanded the institution of criminal proceedings against him and his arrest. "Laszlo Tokes, a citizen of Romania, in his statements abroad has infringed the legal order of the country and has incited (his followers) to stage public disturbances," Mr Vacaru told parliament in Bucharest.

His demand for the bishop's arrest was repeated by Bucharest radio in every newscast throughout last Wednesday, indicating that Mr Vacaru's allegations form vernment-Gorbachev. But the 50 per cent cut | moral resistance to communism, supported campaign. The bishop, charges, which he described as "a services. He added: "I should like covered in abusive graffiti.

an ethnic Hungarian from Transylvania, returned to Romania last week after four months in hospital following a car crash in Hungary. He described Mr Vacaru's call for a criminal investigation as "simply fantastic". He added in a telephone interview from Oradea: "I feel threatened. But it is not only myself and my family who are under threat, but the achievements of Timisoara and the entire December revolu-

In a subsequent formal statement, which he sent abroad, he

diversionary move and a provocation" by the authorities timed for the revolution's first anniversary. The statement went on: "I have not committed any acts against

the legal order of our country, or offended the state or nation. Similarly baseless are the allegations carried by a wide circle of hostile Romanian newspapers. The bishop said hate-filled arti-

cles in newspapers had variously described him as being a CIA agent, a traitor to Romania a Transvivanian irredentist of a paid agent of both the former

to draw the attention of public opinion in Romania and abroad to the fact that for months now I have been the object of a crude press hate campaign, organised from the background, in which certain high-ranking officials, dep-uties and senators are clearly involved. The intention is to liquidate me."

He said a close relation had become the victim of a knife attack, a former Timisoara aide of his had been attacked by thugs and was now in hospital and the walls and gates of his bishop's residence

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Political row follows death of top French terrorist judge

investigating magistrate who had been at the heart of France's antiterrorist campaign has sparked off an ugly political confrontation

Within hours of yesterday's news that Gilles Boulouque had shot himself at his home in Paris, the mainstream conservative opposition had begun an angry campaign against what it claims was a deliberate campaign by the Socialist government to destroy his professional reputation and drive him out of the job.

While first reports suggested that M Boulouque, aged 40, had not left any message that might explain his death, it was widely believed that the severe strain to which his onerous, extremely risky, position had exposed him was a crucial factor.

Police sources said he had quarelled with his wife after returning home from an exhibition of paintings and then shot himself in the head using a pistol he carried for protection against terrorist attacks.

An expert in Middle East guer-

rilla movements, Boulouque had led the investigations into the wave of bomb attacks on public places in Paris in 1986 by a suspected Iranian-backed Islamic extremist network, which left 13 people dead and more than 100 badly injured.

Earlier, in 1984, he investigated an attempt to kill the United States consul-general in

At the time of his death, Boulouque was investigating the possible French connections of pro-Iranian Hezbollah guerrillas detained in Spain last year with a large quantity of explosives, apparently intended for a series of attacks in Western Europe.

In particular, observers here have cited the controversial aftermath of his handling of the dossier involving Wahid Gordji, then an employee of the Iranian embassy in Paris, suspected of terrorist offences, linked to the 1986 bombings, as a possible reason for his

Wahid Gordji was one of the magistrate's prime suspects. Officially a translator but with a wide

A "deliberate campaign" by the Socialist government to destroy the reputation of a leading magistrate has been blamed for his suicide, writes Philip Jacobson

circle of "useful" friends, the Iranians refused to produce him for interrogation and the so-called "war of the embassies" began in 1987 with French police surrounding the Iranian embassy from where Mr Gordji refused to emerge and the Iranians retaliating by laying siege to the French embassy in Tehran, trapping the diplomats inside.

A settlement was eventually reached under which, it is generally believed, France's then conservative government agreed to allow Mr Gordji to leave the embassy and the country provid-ing he agreed first to be available

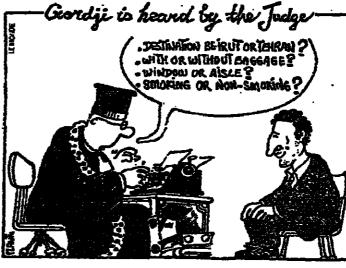
In the highly-complicated transactions at the time, it was rumoured that the subsequent release of some French hostages held in Lebanon might have been

In November 1987, after a brief counter with M Boulouque, he



Boulouque: travelled in armour-plated vehicles

took a plane back to Tehran. A cruel, heavily publicised, cartoon in *Le Monde* summed up public reaction to what was widely seen as a cynical exercise in expediency, with M Boulouque depicted in his robes of office, "interrogating" the suspected terrorist simply about his choice of seat on the plane: "window or aisle?" "smok-



Planta's Le Monde cartoon of Bonlouque and Gordii

ing or non-smoking?" and so on. The Gordji affair subsequently became a hot potato in the French presidential election campaign, with the two leading candidates, President Mitterrand and Jacques Chirac, France's prime minister during the bombings, clashing over conflicting allegations of

To his dismay, M Boulouque went from being the highlyintelligent judge who had helped eventually to bring some of those involved in the bombings to trial, to being increasingly caught up in the row as stories about him submitting to political pressure from this side or that began to appear in the French press. He responded by taking legal action against Le Monde and other

A tall, athletic figure who was often seen on French television in the middle of a squad of heavily armed bodyguards, M Boulonque uncomplainingly accepted his dangerous position. Faced with personal threats from dedicated and accomplished terrorists, he usually carried a gun and travelled everywhere in armour-plated

In a terse statement yesterday, M Chirac paid hommage to M Boulouque's personal courage and integrity. It was left to his former interior minister, the combative Charles Pasqua, to assault the Socialist government for failing to support "this victim of duty, of ministerial indifference and of the ingratitude of the state".

One of the main associations of French magistrates passed a harsher verdict, claiming that governmental and journalistic networks" should examine their own responsibility for M Boulouque's death. In a message of condolence to his family, Henri Nallet, the present minister of justice, indicated that a "personal drama" was behind the tragedy.

Albania uses troops to quell city protesters

From Reuter in Vienna

with demonstrators in the Albanian city of Shkoder yesterday after they attacked Communist party and government buildings, Tirana radio fire, and there was no immedi-

Security forces were ordered in after "hooligans" armed with iron bars threw stones at district party and government buildings and attacked the local radio station. The radio report, monitored by the BBC. came a day after President Alia appealed for calm as communist Albania's moved towards democracy.

Shkoder is located about 80 miles north of Tirana.

The radio said the district police chief, a policeman and another official were injured by "elements wielding iron bars". The report also sug-gested that party activists had Tirana, to form the country's gested that party activists nau first independent political taken to the streets to oppose first independent political

"In order to oppose these acts, citizens of Shkoder, workers, communists, and other working people, took to the streets. Nevertheless, the hooligans persisted in their behaviour," the radio said. "In order to reimpose order and calm in the city and to all forms of political defend government and social institutions, the forces of public order and the army came and forms of behaviour ininto action.

"Today's events in Shkoder show that, despite the warnings issued by comrade Ramiz Alia ... there are certain dark forces which seek

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efficiency

snowed up

From Ian Murray

BRITAIN's commuters can

take heart. They are not alone.

German trains are running

later and later. They were

especially bad at timekeeping

during the recent sudden spell

of bad winter weather. Yes-

terday one of them dis-

appeared with 30 passangers

Bundesbahn's own statistics only 65 out of every 100 trains

in Germany nowadays arrive within five minutes of the

time in timetables. During the

bad weather this week only 41

trains per 100 reached their

Yesterday one express be-tween Frankfurt and Stuttgart

failed to get through at all. In the snowy Odenwald, some

five miles north of the Neckar Valley, the driver was stopped

by a tree across the line. The

telephone line had been cut by

the bad weather, so the guard

He had barely trudged off

when a relief engine arrived

and, instead of towing the

train back, the crew sawed up

the tree so that the express

could move on. A few hun-

dred yards further on, how-

ever, another tree had fallen.

Meanwhile, back in Frank-

furt, the regional office had

alerted the police who sent up

a helicopter to search for the

train. It was not there. By then

the crew had given up and

driven back to the nearest

station. The passengers were

given a free lunch and went on

their way by a different route.

The train stopped again.

set off on foot for help.

destination on time.

According to Deutschen

POLICE and troops clashed to destabilise the situation in the country."

> Albanian radio report whether the army was forced to open ate indication whether the situation had quietened and

year have spoken of anticommunist unrest in Shkoder. The radio bulletin was the first confirmation that Shkoder was a troublespot and the first to record use of troops to quell

President Alia appealed in a national address for calm on Wednesday night hours after tens of thousands of Albanians massed in the capital, party in 45 years munist rule.

The president, who steered reforms allowing multi-party democracy through the Communist party's central comdemocracy - should not be viewed as "a liberation from

crease and spread, the danger will arise of the country's destabilisation and descent into anarchy.

students continued their of the students (Dessa

Security police guarding public buildings, including television and radio, have been reinforcd in the capital,

already obtained big concessions from the authorities, continue to press their de-mands for full university autonomy, as well as for guarantees that the democratic changes would not be limited or stopped.

been hastily convened for December 26 and dismissals party officials are expected to

days.
Witnesses describe the atcession from the regime.

Reports throughout this

One report in January said a statue of Stalin in the city was

morality". He added: "If such ideas

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It was not clear from the

the unrest had ended.

toppled.

demonstrations in workers from the factories of Tirana yesterday came out in support

Trevisan writes) according to witnesses.

The students, who have

A conference of the Albanian Communist party has of government ministers and follow within the next few

mosphere in Tirana as a mixture of fear and popular jubilation after the first con-



Ouake devastation: Sicilian villagers in Carlentini surveying the damage after an earthquake wrecked their homes and cars yesterday. At least 14 people were killed and hundreds injured when the tremor, measuring 5.1 on the Richter scale, struck the eastern part of the island (Paul Bompard writes from Rome).

The quake was felt all along the island's east coast but Carlentini,

collapsed; nine bedies have been found and more people are believed to be still buried under the rubble. Buildings were seriously damaged in other towns, and at least two elderly people died of heart attacks as a result of the earthonake.

The ground shook violently for 45 seconds at 1.24 am local time yesterday. A survivor said that "it seemed to go on forever". Thousands of was hardest hit. Three blocks of flats their cars. Italy's national seismologi-

cal institute put the quake's epicentre at about six miles off the historic port of Syracuse.

Five tremers were felt in quick succession over a large part of Sicily and authorities estimated the total damage at £230 million.

All through yesterday rescue teams, hampered by rain and bitter winds, searched through the wreckage of the three modern buildings in Carlentini.

History at odds with Jaruzelski

From ROGER BOYES IN WARSAW

POLAND, in limbo between Cold War." He was referring shortly to replace General Poland.

Wojciech Jaruzelski, his jailer. "Let history judge Jaruzelski," said the daily Gazeta Wyborcza. "Let history judge all of us."

The general himself is convinced even today that he effectively saved Poland by suspending, and later outlaw-ing Solidarity, and interning more than 5,000 of its sympathisers. His Council of National Salvation — a group of generals co-operating with avowedly socialist reformers - cut off telephones, gave sweeping powers to military courts, mobilised thousands eral organisations.

He told the Italian newspaper La Stampa: "If I had not done it, I would have among other things would found any evidence of Soviet have delayed for many years war preparations and most of the appearance of Mikhail the relevant docu Gorbachev and the end of the been shredded.

two very different presidents, to the threat of a Soviet yesterday solemnly marked invasion. His main spokesthe ninth anniversary of the man, Wlodzimierz Lozinski, introduction of martial law. says that in November 1981 The historical irony was ob- the general was invited by vious: Lech Walesa, as Marshal Victor Kulikov, War-Solidarity leader the main saw Pact commander-in-chief, symbolic victim of that era, is to visit Soviet troops in

But their plane landed instead on Soviet territory. In a saloon car at a siding on a railway station, Yuri Andropov, the then KGB chief, was waiting with the Kremlin's chief ideologist, Mikhail Suslov. "We wouldn't want to be forced to help you," the Polish general was told, "but the Soviet Union cannot accept the idea of Poland switching systems."

This will be the general's historic defence. In a farewell address to Poles this week he admitted many errors, but none of these errors - unspeof riot troops, imposed strict cified — related to imposing censorship and banned sevmartial law. He was convinced that unless the Polish leadership regained control over the pace of change from Solidarity, the Soviet Union borne responsibility for later would invade. Yet interior events, for tragedy which ministry researchers have not

Emergency in the Caucasus region

From Anatol Lieven in TBILISI

the capital of the autonomous region of South Ossetia in Georgia, following the shooting of a policeman and two interior ministry employees. The killings followed a declaration on Tuesday by the Georgian supreme council abolishing the territory's

autonomy. A Soviet military spokesman described the situation in the area, which has a mixed Ossete and Georgian popula-tion, as extremely delicate, and warned of the danger of "a new Nagorno-Karabagh".

This confronation has serious implictions for the future of the ethnically-divided Georgian republic and for the course of its separation from the Soviet Union, planned by the new Georgian government of Zviad Gamsakhurdia.

According to a Georgian government spokesman the three men were shot by Ossete Nationalist extremists on Wednesday evening while passed the Communisty party head-quarters in Tskhinvalia. Three other people were wounded, one seriously. A state of emergency was

A STATE of emergency has immediately declared in the been declared in Tskhinvali, city and the territory's second town, Dzhava, by the Georgian supreme council. It is being implemented by troops of the Soviet interior ministry, which are in control of the

The Georgian government is demanding that Georgian police and interior ministry troops should also be involved in the operation. A spokesman said that this is necessary to ensure what he called "even handed" behaviour. He ac-cused the Soviet interior ministry troops of patrolling only the Georgian inhabited areas

of the territory.
Impelled by developments in South Ossetia, the Georgian supreme council last week passed a Draconian law giving it the right to establish a state of emergency. The law allows that, "in especially dangerous areas", the entire population can be told to move to another

After coming to power last month, Mr Gamsakhurdia promised that his government would not annul the autonomy of South Ossetia, or of Ajaria and Abkhazia.

Russian migration, page 12

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Numbea XI. Or Bungholes and Hogsheads (or . . . Robbing the Angels).

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Distillery. He carefully reams each

bringhole to a PEREECT fir. Johnny acknowledges that during the mair's TEN YEARS in the wood, much will be 'lost to the angels' through exaporation; but why, he reasons, should they receive more than their due share?"

THANDCRAFTED by the SIXTEEN MEN Of TAIN

Resistance myth challenged

By PHILIP JACOBSON

French were solidly united in at least 10,000 executions are intensely sensitive issue of resistance to the German occupation has come under close scrutiny in a film just released here. Challenging the comfortable assumption that only a tiny minority of traitors those who served in the nazi trouble. The most reliable were involved in the Vichy militia. regime's collaboration with the nazis, it focuses on the period when a systematic, often brutal, settling of accounts was taking place

throughout France. Directed by Claude Berri, Uranus is set in a small village which comes under the control of communist resistance fighters at the height of the at the time contained ordinary have been mixed, with historiépuration, or purge, that began shortly before the liberation and continued into 1945. Estisters nor heroes". mates of the number of

THE enduring myth that most tance groups vary wildly, but always shied away from the believed to have taken place. Victims of summary justice Germans, how many collaboincluded collaborators and members of fascist organisations, civil servants and down and tried to stay out of

from a novel by Marcel Aymé, ers, or about 2 per cent of the poses questions that the wartime adult population. French have always preferred to leave unanswered. Without ever defined, French records offering any sweeping moral judgements, it subtly under- men and women were affected mines the national amnesia, by various measures taken reminding audiences that a during the epuration. great many villages in France

show that some two million

French killed by various resis- exceptions, French films have resistance heroes.

how many actually fought the rated with them, how many people simply kept their heads estimates suggest there were M Berri's film, adapted some 400,000 "active" fight-As for collaboration, how-

Early reactions to Uranus people who, in M Berri's ans of the era generally phrase, were "neither mon- approving while French communists fume about the "un-With one or two notable worthy" depiction of their

s or and sim

Kuwait

Britons

remain

in hiding

Attempts by the government to persuade the Britons who remain in Iraqi-occupied Kuwait to come out of hiding and return home appear to have

fallen on deaf ears (Andrew

McEwen writes). Yesterday,

only four Britons boarded a

plane from Kuwait to Baghdad, chartered by the United

States government, despite appeals broadcast over the BBC

The Foreign Office said

Michael Weston, the ambas-

sador in Kuwait, and Lan-

rence Banks, first secretary,

would try to contact the

estimated 40 Britons before being evacuated themselves next week. They would "ad-

vise them strongly" to leave.

to join about 21 Britons who

have been in Iraq at Baghdad

airport and were expected to

fly to Frankfurt. This would leave about 140 Britons in

Iraq. The flight was delayed by

several hours, and it was not

thought that they would be

able to complete their journey

Ferry chartered

Britain has chartered the

world's largest roll-on, roll-off

ferry, the Atlantic Conveyor,

to take military supplies to the

Gulf region, a ministry of defence spokeswoman said. The 42,988-tonne cargo ship,

which was built with a government subsidy in 1985, will

leave Bremerhaven on December 20. (Reuter)

Amnesty issued

to Britain until today.

The four who left were due

World Service.

Iraq trains citizens in civil defence as diplomacy founders

IRAQ, showing no sign that it courses while senior govern- his family in Baghdad by will pull out of Kuwait by the ment officials have been tour- telephone. "My parents say United Nations deadline ing the country to educate the most people aren't taking the which is just a month away, people on the hazards they civil defence measures seri-yesterday announced it had may face. Landlords who own ously because they don't think set up hundreds of civil de-fence training centres to pre-floors have been ordered to "After Bush offered direct" pare the population for war.

Diplomatic efforts, meanwhile, were foundering with Iraq and the United States unable to agree on a date for direct talks while the latest Arab mediator, President Iran, which in its later stages the United States for rejecting Chadli Benjedid of Algeria, involved long-range missile its proposed date for peace reportedly cancelled a visit to attacks on cities. Even this talks in Baghdad and accused Saudi Arabia.

centres had been set up in Baghdad alone to instruct the people in firefighting, First Iraq out of Kuwait.

Aid and other skills to "avoid Some Iraqis saw the civil human and material losses defence preparations as an during emergency operatio- elaborate ploy by the authorins". For the last two weeks ties to prepare the ground for nightly programmes on Bagh-dad television have shown Kuwait. "It's a psychological viewers how to put on gas game to make the people masks and how to cope with believe war is imminent, so bomb blasts and there have when Saddam Hussein anbeen several evacuation re- nounces a pull-out from Ku-

bomb shelters, or face fines or promise is being worked out." imprisonment.

analysts if the multinational forces are ordered to drive

wait, the people will be so

convert their basements into talks, they're sure a com-

Those talks appeared dead-The Iraqi people became locked yesterday because of used to civil defence measures continued squabbling over during the eight-year war with their timing. Iraq denounced lran, which in its later stages the United States for rejecting would be little preparation for President Bush of wanting the The Iraqi news agency said the massive aerial bombing of talks only as a public relations that 370 civil defence training Baghdad predicted by military exercise for domestic exercise for domestic consumption before war. A foreign ministry spokes-

man in Baghdad said it would set the date for the American Secretary of State, James Baker, to go to Baghdad while Iraq had no objection to Washington setting the time for Iraq's foreign minister, Tariq Aziz, to go to the United States. "Iraq is the one that fixes the suitable dates for the visit and meeting with its president and the United Hundreds of government relieved they won't question States has the right to do the employees are shown assidu-ously attending civil defence who is in daily contact with said.

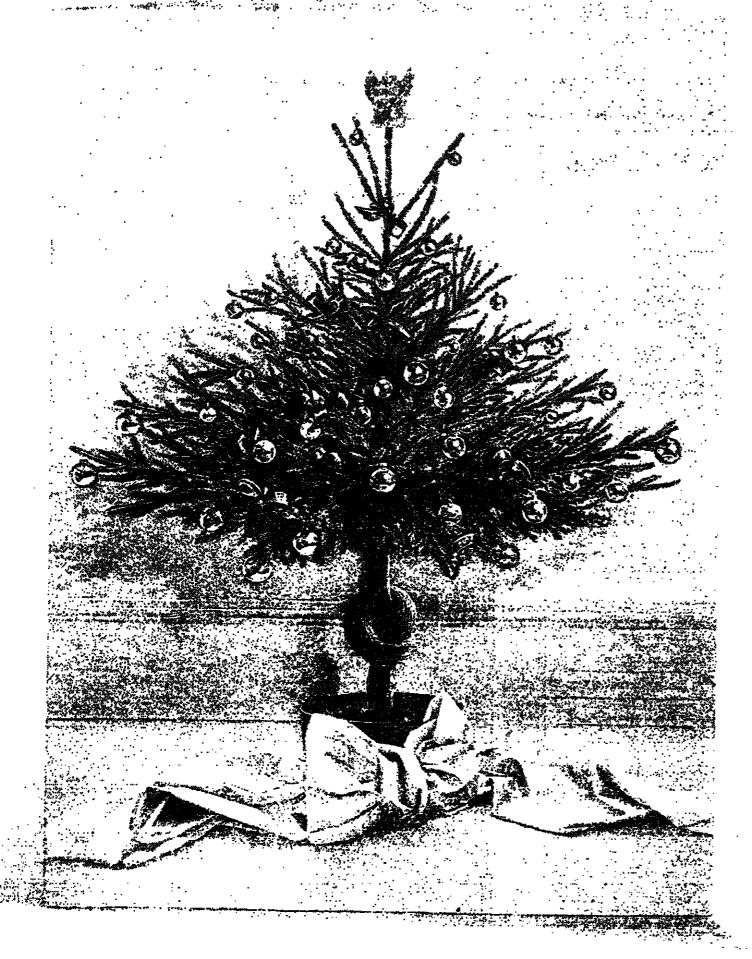


Eyes right: a Franciscan monk glaneing at two Israeli soldiers as they cross Manger Square in Bethlehem. Major-General Yitzhak Mordechai, Israel's West Bank army chief, who was

roadside bomb killed a soldier there, premised to protect pilgrims to Bethlehem this Christmas despite the Palestinian uprising (Reuter reports).

"We can promise all the tourists of the world . . . who come here to Bethlehem, to Jernsalem, to Israel, that they can feel as safe in these areas as they feel in other Western countries.

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Bush tries to stiffen European resolve

From ROBIN OAKLEY IN ROME

PRESIDENT Bush yesterday set out to stiffen the resolve of European nations wavering over support for the use of force against Iraq if President Saddam Hussein does not withdraw from Kuwait by next month's UN-supported

As the European Community leaders flew to Rome for the latest summit, at which they will discuss moves for the closer co-ordination of foreign and security policy, Mr Bush wrote to Giulio Andreotti, the Italian prime minister and current EC president, insisting that America would not negotiate any deal with the Iraqi

Mr Bush's letter said that President Saddam was now using diplomacy to weaken the coherence of the worldwide coalition against him and to postpone "the potential use of force".

Mr Bush, who has been anxious to dispel the impression that appeasement is in the air, said that the rest of the world must retain a "verv rigid attitude" and insisted that the return of hostages had changed nothing.

It had not altered the determination of the United Council were implemented.

States and the allies to see that harassment by Jordanians all the measures approved by angry at Egypt's stand on the United Nations Security events in the Gulf, border

Baghdad - Iraq's ruling Revolutionary Command Council has issued a general amnesty for all Iraqis abroad, including military deserters, the newspaper al-Thawra re-ported. It quoted a decree as saying the two-month amnesty would cover political crimes as well as army deserters. (Reuter)

Bonn priority

Bonn - Finding a solution to the Palestinian problem must be given priority after the ending of the Gulf confrontation, Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the German foreign minister, said after a meeting here with Prince Saud al-Faisal, his Saudi opposite number, who is on a visit to Germany.

Belgian concern

Brussels - Mark Eyskens, the Belgian foreign minister, said after meeting Wissam Shaw-kat al-Zahawi, the Iraqi deputy foreign minister, that he dad's apparent lack of flexibil ity on finding a solution to the Gulf conflict. In their discussion, both sides restated their positions. (Reuter)

Egyptian exodus

Amman - About 80,000 of the 180,000 Egyptians working in Jordan have left the country since July, driven out by the depressed economy, unemployment - running at almost 25 per cent - and reported officials said. (Reuter)

'Racist' scrolls editor dismissed

From Charles Bremner in New York and Richard Owen in Jerusalem

Jerusalem yesterday confirmed that the British-born professor in charge of deciphering the remaining Dead Sea Scrolls had been removed from his position because of remarks regarded by the Israeli authorities as anti-semitic.

Dr John Strugnell, a professor of divinity at Harvard University, had been collaborating with Israeli scholars on deciphering the ancient scrolls discovered in 1947 at Qumran on the Dead Sea. The majority of the scrolls were deciphered and published in the years following the discovery, but thousands of fragments remain at the Rockefeller Museum in east Jerusalem. Professor Strugnell's dismissal has raised hopes that after four decades of delays, the celebrated texts may soon be

published in their entirety. The small international team of scholars who control the scrolls project voted to remove Professor Strugnell, aged 60, from his post as editor-in chief, formally citing his ill health as the reason. But team members said the final straw was an interview he gave to an Israeli daily newspaper last month,

He told Haaretz: "I think Judaism is a racist religion, something very primitive. What bothers me about

estern scholars in Judaism is the very existence of Jews as a group, as members of the Jewish religion. The Sabbath laws are a wonderful excuse for laziness. When I look at details of Jewish law (Halakhah), including sex, I think, 'That's amusing, it's not religion'. These people are acting according to what I would call folklore."

He subsequently denied that what he said was antisemitic, but said: "It's the old Christian response to

the Jewish problem." arvard officials said Professor Strugnell Cambridge, Massachusetts, this week and unavailable for comment. Dr Frank Moore Cross, a Harvard colleague and one of the original eight scholars given exclusive rights to the scrolls in the 1950s, said he had reluctantly voted to oust Professor Strugnell. "The interview certainly contributed," he told The New York Times. "But the interview was impossible

without his illness." The Israeli government, which has custody of the scrolls, must approve the team's decision, but there is unlikely to be dissent because local scholars had joined in the international criticism of Professor Strugnell's attempts to keep the undeciphered manuscripts - still about 35 per cent of the body - restricted to a cotorie of specialists.

Crowds greet 'hero' Tambo as 30-year exile ends

National Congress president, came home yesterday after 30 years in exile to a relatively small but enthusiastic reception from his supporters.

A burly black council worker, festooned in ANC emblems, said it all. Dancing for joy, he beamed at the slight figure of Mr Tamoo, acknowledging the cheers of the crowd, and said: "This is the man who kept the ANC fires burning throughout the world when they were being extinguished in South Africa. This is the man we have been waiting for."

In contrast to the tumultuous scenes which greeted Nelson Mandela on his release from prison in February, little more than 5,000 people turned up at Johannesburg airport to welcome the ailing old man who was their tireless roving ambassador during the darkest days of apartheid.

Mr Tambo, aged 73, would probably have drawn a bigger crowd but for confusion over official permission for a mass rally which came only on the eve of his return. In the event, the assembly made up in noise what it lacked in numbers, but it was disappointed by the response from its revered

After his flight from Zambia had been delayed for two hours, Mr Tambo emerged on a balcony of the terminal building, flanked by Mr Mandela, his life-time friend

EC in line to retain **Pretoria** sanctions

From ROBIN OAKLEY POLITICAL EDITOR IN ROME

BRITISH hopes that the European Community summit in Rome would agree to slackening sanctions against South Africa as an encouragement to President de Klerk to continue dismantling apartheid were fading last night.

Pio Mastrobuoni, spokesman for Giulio Andreotti, the current EC president, said ha believed the European Council would take the view that there was still much to be done, and reforms had not reached their final destination. There were still some 'very worrisome problems".

Signor Mastrobuoni suggested that any communique was likely to emphasise the need for further action on democracy and human values and rights in South Africa, and that judgment could not yet be made "in final terms".

Officials have been considering various forms of action. including lifting the ban on new investment in South Africa (a move taken unilaterally by Britain already); a promise that sanctions will be eased in response to specific action on such matters as the Group Areas Act; and a declaration welcoming Pretoria's reforms but insisting more must be done before the removal of community sanctions.

At the Dublin summit this year, British officials believed that they had the support of the Italians for easing sanctions. But Rome has apparently been deterred by an appeal from Nelson Mandela. Ireland and Denmark are against any concessions without "profound and irreversible change" in South Africa, while France and Germany are neutral on the issue.



It was left to Mr Mandela to give a brief eulogy: "Comrades, the day we have all been waiting for is here. We welcome comrade Oliver Tambo as one of the greatest heroes of Africa." After promising a presidential address at a rally near Soweto on Sunday, he requested the crowd to disperse peacefully.

A few choruses of "khuluma" (speak) were ignored, and the masses gradually drifted away, shepherded unnecessarily by snarling police

Mr Tambo's return completes the line-up of old guard ANC leaders who have emerged from prison and exile, and presages crucial policy debates in preparation for constitutional negotiations with the government. His first public engagement is an opening address to more than 1,600 delegates at a consultative conference near Johannesburg

His speech is eagerly awaited, but his influence has been diminished by his illness. While Mr Tambo commands undoubted respect and affection throughout the organization, effective leadership has

passed to Mr Mandela. Together they face enormous challenges. Having failed to attract the mass support it anticipated, the ANC opens its three-day conference riven by conflicting views and wavering loyalties.

While Mr Mandela's continued leadership is assured, there are rumblings of discontent among exiles and militant youth demanding mass protest action.



Home at last: a smiling Nelson Mandela, right, watches as an African National Congress official embraces Oliver Tambo, the organisation's president, after his arrival at Johannesburg airport from Zambia yesterday. It was Mr Tambo's first visit to South Africa in 30 years

Harare land law fuels white alarm

From Jan Raath in harare

yesterday gave hasty approval to legislation that attempts to assuage the land hunger of millions of peasants while simultaneously undoing the constitutional rights to property. MPs whistled, ululated and chanted guerrilla songs as the constitutional amendment bill was passed.

It is the weapon which the government plans to use to seize nearly half the 30 million acres now farmed by white farmers, and resettle up to 110,000 peasants.

It will allow the government to confiscate the land, and then compensate the white farmers at a price of its own choosing. It expressly deprives the farmers from seeking redress from the courts.

It will "fly in the face of all accepted norms of modern society, and the rule of law," said Enock Dumbutshena, Zimbabwe's recently retired chief justice who has been one of the few to condemn land seizure in the fertile tobacco and maize belt in the north-

ZIMBABWE's parliament east of the country. This would cost the government £600 million but, Emmerson Munangagwa, the minister of justice said, "we simply cannot afford the luxury of paying adequate, prudent and remittable compensation for the compulsory acquisition of land." He indicated that he plans to offer not money but government bonds to farmers. The move is a desperate

attempt to settle the issue that has been at the heart of Zimbabwean politics since Cecil Rhodes distributed huge areas of land to white pioneers a century ago.
As a result, some 4,500

white farmers own big tracts of land, while black peasants are crammed into overworked and overcrowded holdings.

The parliamentary debate took an ugly, racist tone last week, with Sabina Mugabe, President Mugabe's sister, claiming that black servicemen who fought in the second world war were given bicycles on their return, while whites were given farms.

"Must we stay as squatters in the land of our birth? Give them (the whites) bikes, and take our land," she exlaimed.

The Commercial Farmers' Union, caught off-guard by the unexpected swiftness of the legislation, has not commented publicly but its mem-

The move has ruinous potential for the country and its slipping economy. The morale of the white farmers is undermined. It also rings the death knell for the government's hopes of attracting under its economic liberalisation programme the foreign investment desperately needed to provide jobs for nearly two million young

unemployed young men and Even ministry of agriculture officials are at a loss to understand how the "revolutionary land programme" is to be implemented when only two-thirds of the 7.5 million acres bought by the government since independence has

been resettled. The government has no money to establish an infrastructure on confiscated land and the modest resettlement attempts have failed.

It has also become obvious that even the seizure of as much land as possible will be inadequate to provide land for the landless.

Ministry of agriculture officials in the southern Masvingo province have esti-mated that if all the commercial land in the province were eized, they would be able to help only 11,000 of the 45,000 peasant families needing

Superpowers press for end to war in Angola

From Susan Ellicott in Washington

THE United States and the both sides. Angola, along with Soviet Union withdrew some Soviet Union, displaying a mutual interest in burying a foreign policy irritant born of Cold War tensions, launched a co-ordinated diplomatic effort this week to resolve Angola's civil war.

Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet foreign minister, met Jonas Savimbi, the leader of Angola's right-wing Unita rebels, for the first time on Tuesday. Their talks in Washington sent a strong signal to the left-wing Angolan govern-ment to call a truce with the guerrillas after 15 years of conflict. In a separate low-key meeting, James Baker, the American secretary of state, met the former Portuguese colony's foreign minister, Pedro de Castro Van-Dunem.

Their parallel push for a ceasefire was followed by a meeting between President Bush and Dr Savimbi at the White House yesterday. The flurry of diplomacy was widely seen as the best chance to date of breaking down the remaining distrust between Luanda and Unita, the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola, before a sixth round of peace talks in Portugal next year. Officials did not expect the meetings to produce any final

the Soviet-backed governments of Afghanistan, Nicaragua, Cambodia and Ethiopia, became one of the leading foreign policy flashpoints between the superpowers during the 1970s. Moscow has spent billions of administration is keen to repounds propping up the ruling marxist Popular Movement hindering steady improve-for the Liberation of Angola ment in Soviet-American rela-(MPLA) since the Portuguese

Savimbi: meetings with Bush and Shevardnadze

left in 1975 after independence. The United States has backed Unita with arms supplies, although Congress last year agreed to withhold half of America's estimated \$40 million (£20.5 million) in agreements but to clarify the lethal aid if the MPLA took final bargaining positions on steps towards peace and the

1,000 military advisers and halted its aid.

Moscow and Washington have found a mutually acceptable moment at which to collaborate on ending the Angolan war. The Bush solve Third World conflicts tions, while the Kremlin is eager to end a financially draining involvement in overseas wars. Mr Shevardnadze also held talks on Tuesday with his Angolan counterpart at the Soviet embassy in

Washington.
Mr Shevardnadze and Mr Baker, who met for two days this week in Houston, Texas, to discuss a strategic arms reduction treaty and other issues, said they drew up a peace plan for Angola, including a ceasefire, internationally observed elections and a halt to arms supplies to both sides. Luanda has indicated its

willingness to end the war, including a decision last weekend to move toward a multiparty system that would substantially fulfil Unita's conditions for a ceasefire. The MPLA congress has voted to reform the constitution in two stages, allowing opposition parties by April, pending par-

Hunt for **Ershad** allies is stepped up

Dhaka - The caretaker government in Bangladesh yesterday sent the former deputy prime minister to Dhaka's central jail as it intensified a hunt for political allies of Hussain Ershad, ousted last week as president and placed under house arrest (Christopher Thomas writes).

Arrest warrants have been ssued against 24 former ministers and associates of the toppled government, all of whom have gone into hiding. The acting administration is also intensifying a shake-up of senior bureaucratic positions filled by Ershad supporters. The chief of the state-controlled radio and television network has been replaced, along with the heads of the national airline and the nationalised banks.

The mayors of four cities have been removed, along with 61 other leading local

Roh in Moscow

Moscow - President Roh Tae Woo began the first visit by a South Korean leader to the Soviet Union, highlighting the speed at which the nations' relationship has progressed as Cold War constraints recede. Mr Roh is looking to President Gorbachev to press North Korea to soften its stance towards Seoul.

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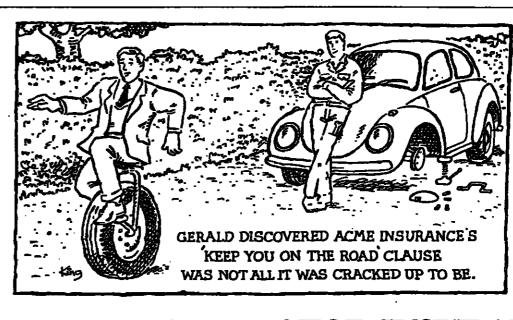
Singapore - Singapore will give tax rebates of up to £4.500 to new car owners who restrict driving to off-peak hours. Cars will carry special number plates and have free use of roads from 8 pm to 7 am on weekdays, from 3pm on Saturdays and all day on Sundays. (Reuter)

Famine threat

Millions are facing starvation in Mozambique as the country's economic conditions worsen, threatening the government's radical moves towards democratic reform, aid agency officials said in Lon-don. The problem has been exacerbated by an inadequate international response to appeals for food aid.

A dying art

Peking - China's Communist party branded what it called the "new wave" of modern art as dead, negative and antisocialist, while an exhibition by young artists in the capital was prevented from opening. A lengthy commentary in the People's Daily was the latest attack on Western influences by China. (Reuter)



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Come fly with me: Frank Sinatra, on what he described as "the happiest night of my life", singing to an audience of nearly 20,000 people at his 75th birthday concert in East Rutherford, New Jersey

to underworld activities as long as mobsters did not settle their rivalries on the streets. But now that the yamaguchigumi gang is flexing its muscles, Tokyo is bracing itself for gangland war.

Japan's biggest crime syndicate is running out of new opportunities in its home base in Kobe, western Japan. It needs to expand and is threatening to move in on the capital, despite the fact that it is a rival gang's lucrative turf. Police fear that the gangland shoot-outs that now occur in other big cities may soon be seen in Tokyo.

It is known that top members of the yamaguchi-gumi organised crime is a 1,500 names are on their share is running it starts sending at for shooting practice." unce networked channels, will disturb its of chess.

ditionally turned a blind eye nearly 90,000 gang members ered that the yamaguchi-gumi in all, famous for their tattooed bodies, tightly permed hair, their flashy white suits and their big limousines. As the territory wars grow, both the police and the gangsters' victims are tiring of the saying that organised crime is at least better than

disorganised crime. The yamaguchi-gumi is not moving into Tokyo purely to have poured into Tokyo so hawk loans and prostitutes. It that the yamaguchi-gumi can has just been revealed that the gang is also a huge investor on the Tokyo stock market, which, until this year's plunge, was more lucrative than gam-

bling or drugs. The finance ministry has this month ruled that anyone were driven in luxury cars to a holding more than 5 per cent Yokohama retaurant a week of a company's shares must ation and exchange business ago to discuss strategy for declare their stake, common cards that denote their rank. expanding operations. Their practice in Britain but a But in Tokyo the yamaguchiexpanding operations. The seadon money covers whether certain starting costs Operations with this modely, we have one gum is trying to stay discreet. So we are sending our young discover whether certain starting costs Operation of the seadon money covers we are sending our young

POLICE in Japan have tra- business in Japan. There are registers after it was discov- least 300,000 yen a month is the biggest shareholder in Kurabo, a large and respected Japanese textile company.
One senior member of the

gang told the Yomiuri newspaper: "We can absorb smaller syndicates in local areas. But it's difficult to do so in Tokyo, where all the smaller syndicates are affiliated with larger organisations. So we take root here by itself." The syndicate's head-

quarters in Kobe gives between 5 and 10 million yen to gang members to set up new 'business offices" in Tokyo. Being a gang member is legal in Japan and most boods wear lapel badges stating their affiliback to base. The syndicate is also

recruiting new members in Tokyo. "We approach people who hang out in bars," one member said. "We buy them a business suit or something, and say, "You look great in that suit. Why don't you come and work with us?" They follow." Recruits earn a regular monthly salary of 150,000 to 200,000 yen, just as if they had been hired by Mitsubishi or Toyota.

But the gangs that control Tokyo are not happy about their rival's expansion plans. fighting for at least six months nave been placed on alert discover whether certain start-up costs. Once the office members to the Philippines Organised crime is a 1,500 discover whether certain start-up costs. Once the office members to the Philippines

They are building a war chest to defend their patch. "We have raised more than 100 million yen," a member of the Tokyo-based sumiyoshi ren-gokai said. "We can keep with this money. We have one

trained staff who give you the immediate

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public body. We shall examine all having driven across the cause- December 6.

Inflatable word rafts

Philip Howard

he public have an insatiable curiosity to know everything. Except what is worth knowing. Journalism, conscious of this, and having tradesman-like habits, supplies their demands. This is even more the case today than when Oscar was polishing his paradoxes. In a perfect world there would be no such separate register of English as journalese. The blats would be written in plain, everyday prose adjusted to the height of brow of their target readers: calm, judicious, impartial, clear, and erudite for *The Times*; shorter, snappier, demotic for the pops, but still the English used by the man in the Clapham omnibus, or rather, these days, I suppose, the man in the tailback on the M6. (That man in the Clapham omnibus, invented in 1857 as symbol of your average man in the street moyen sensuel, is out of date, like almost all lawyers' jargon, and should be pensioned off.)

But we do not live in a perfect world. Surprise, surprise. And journalese as a separate register of English flourishes, with words and usages that nobody outside the inky trade would dream of using, even in a nightmare. We use this private language for various reasons: to save space in headlines, or merely as corroborative jargon, intended to give artistic verisimilitude to an otherwise bald and unconvincing narrative. Our journalese is designed to make our pieces about what is not worth knowing sound more important than they are, and us the scribes seem more intrepid heroes in belted raincoats and tilted fedoras than the disappointing reality.

Hence come all those clampdowns and crackdowns that infest our newspapers, but not the real world outside them. A former proprietor of *The Times* gave his hacks the good advice: "Never put on the table of Demos what you would not have on your own table." He then rather spoiled his advice by having notices around the office proclaiming "they are only ten", to remind his staff of their public's mental age.

Take the simple little word "set". Its use in journalese is almost the opposite of its use in real life. In real life it is related to settle, and means something like fixed. Jellies set. Cement sets. Like so many short Anglo-Saxon words, set has evolved hundreds of different meanings, which oc-cupy 25 pages in the Oxford English Dictionary. All the related meanings in ordinary English suggest that when something is set, it is finally put down, settled, and fixed - finito. Not in journalese, it isn't. If we were using ordinary English, and said that somebody or other was set to be the next that everything had been fixed, soundings had been taken, the constituencies were nobbled, and it was all over bar the standing ovation. But in journalese "set"

means not determined or fixed, but only likely or proposed. For example, "Lamont set to impose new tax" does not mean he is about to announce it, but that some press officer at the Treasury mentioned it as a remote possibility over a long lunch at the Garrick. In journalese "set" is not concrete, but a cottonwool filler.

It is a useful word for headlines, because of its brevity. But it does not really say much. (Note the sloppy use of "really" in journalese to add a bit of comph, and grab the reader's attention. Almost any sentence is strengthened by the removal of "really".) But it does not say much. "Lamont to impose new tax" is shorter and sharper without the "set". But it is also too definite for the meaning intended. When you see a "set" in a headline, it is a sign that the story underneath is speculation and

guesswork rather than hard fact.
"Profile" is another term of journalese that is used in a different way in the trade from outside. The woman in the M25 traffic jam, if she were to use such a pretentious word, would mean an outline or rough sketch. The roots of the word come to us through French from the Latin for spinning a thread. The point of a profile in the worlds of art, architecture, surveying, engineering, and private life is that it is an outline or contour, a fine-spun thread. That is not the impression we journos mean to give by our use of "profile". We mean an indepth (journalese) and exclusive (lying journalese) biography. Chesterton defined journalism as saying "Lord Jones Dead" to people who never knew Lord Jones was alive. Oui, cela était autrefois ainsi, mais nous avons changé tout cela. We have refined journalism since Chesterton.

A profile these days consists of repeating from the cuttings more than anybody could possibly want to know about some paper celebrity. There is an example of its use in journalese by Dickens, when he was editing (not very well): "I have gone through your two profiles, and marked them in pencil here and there." The New Yorker first introduced a regular feature (journalese) headed "Profiles" in 1925, and since then any paper worth its pence has had a profile, often as a puffed and prestigious feature. "He's the big guy who does the profiles in the Saturday edition." J.F. Kennedy (a bit of a pseud, like most good journalists) used the trendy word in the title of Profiles of Courage, which he wrote (or at any rate paid a ghost for), and which won a Pulitzer Prize. I think that profile is an inaccurate word, like so many in the slap-bang art of would be more accurate, but sound less authoritative. When reading newspapers, you should remember that you are reading a different language.

...and moreover

bove my head, Barkers teems. Three floorsful of Kensington shoppers plumly trudge the long aisles in line astern, their haggard faces peering endlessly to left and right with frantic Yuletide eyes. You know that Dante is in there, somewhere, desperately searching for a present for Beatrice.

And I am in the cellar. making, in my own petite way, things worse. I am a tiny but glittering cox in the engine of Christmas commerce. I am a wisp of tinsel, pirouetting to catch your wallet's eye. I am a winking plastic snowflake. I am at the epicentre of all the glass balls.

Look at me. I am wearing a black velour battle-blouson, open to the shirtless cleavage and ornamented by lovely big silver-medallions set with twinkling blood-red garnets. Were I to walk into the Gay Hussar, the diners would instantly think me its eponym. Not a few would choke on their plum soup.

I am not, however, promoting Hungarian restaurants, I am promoting British haute couture, which, it must be said, is growing more basse with each new outfit I am levered into. This particular bejewelled folly is from Katherine Hamnett. and described as a bomber jacket for formal evenings; though were you to slip into it for, say, a night raid on Bremen, there is every possibility that the crew would drop you through the Lancaster's floor along with the first stick of incendiaries.

But I have slipped into it only for, God help me, a Christmas Fashion Feature (God will not of course help me, since did not send His only begotten son into the world that men might have natty dresswear. If He had, the three kings - who started all this - would have brought worsted, barathea and mohair). The Christmas Fashion Feature, timed to hit next week's shopping peak, is designed to demonstrate that even the dullest dog shall have his shimmering day, and to persuade women readers that a mere grand or two in Santa's ear will transform the thing in the beige cardigan into Rhett

target age-group; which is why the photographer has convened down here in Scribes elegant har, not the lissom vouths who normally strut this stuff down the world's catwalks, but three middle-aged citizens in whose context the word Dandy conjures up only the image of a bristled cowboy desperately lining his enormous gut with vet another spadeful of cowheel pie. We are Milton Shulman, Ned Sherrin, and I, and when we stand in an open lift prohibited from the carriage of more than six, anyone still outside stares for a bit, and prudently decides to wait for the next one.

For that is, more or less, the

Yet here we are, poncing about in front of the fireplace. twirling champagne glasses, smirking chording, and fabricating, in our bows and sequins, some swish Regency knees-up (to which we hope and pray Brummell has not been invited, lest he ask Prinny who

his three fat friends are).
It is Milton who looks the most fetching of all; even if what he is likely to fetch, in his floor-length mock-ocelot overcoat, is open to question. This does not stop him making the organisers an offer for the coat, which he then hurries out in, possibly to a job upstairs in Santa's Grotto as the Spirit of Bud Flanagan Past. Ned, 100, departs; I alone am left, because, having prised me out of the Hamnett, they want me

in something by Hardy Amies. I look, however, as if I am in something by either Hardy or Amis, in this black evening smock three sizes too small, I could be a Wessex bumpkin fleeing retribution in a stolen cassock, I could be a drunken lecturer who has woken naked in an unidentifiable room and grabbed the first thing in the wardrobe; what, though, I could

not be is Rhett Butler. And, frankly, I do give a damu. I had hoped for transformation. More, I had hoped to ginger up my Christmas list; my wife having hinted that the threatened cold snap might well call for the replacement of my brown woolly dressing-gown, I had hoped that a strategically placed Christmas Fashion Feature would change her course.

Not confirm it.

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Graham Mather sees the dismal spectre of reflation stalking the latest statistics

Don't panic on unemployment

Oliticians tend to panic over unemployment. Yet the higher unemployment announced yesterday may not in itself harm the economy: much worse would be a resumed political obsession with making the totals fall every month, which in the mid-Eighties led directly to serious reflationary errors. Instead of wringing hands ineffectually over the higher-than-expected 57,600 rise in recorded unemploy-

ment, we should look at new research which shows that employers throughout the country cannot find the skilled workers they need, and that the political nightmare of an underclass of permanently unemployed millions simply does not tally with the facts.

The first fact is that 62 per cent of manufacturing companies and 54 per cent of service-sector businesses surveyed by the British Chambers of Commerce in the third quarter of 1990 reported recruitment difficulties. The avail-able pool of skilled labour was simply not adequate for them to fill jobs efficiently.

In some parts of the country, the figures are startling. Ninety per cent of manufacturers in East Anglia, 88 per cent in the east Midlands, and 84 per cent in the northern Home Counties were experiencing recruitment problems. The figures suggest that, at present levels of unemployment, housing costs and pay differen-tials, the flow of skilled people towards jobs is insufficient.

The second factor concerns the iobless themselves. Detailed research confirms that most people who become unemployed quickly find new jobs. A survey by Bill Daniel of the Policy Studies Institute looked at 8,000 job-seekers. One third found new jobs within five weeks or so; half were back in work within about five months, and nearly two-thirds were employed within ten months.

Against this background, the

traditional political response to

rising unemployment - reflation

- is meaningless. A reflationary boost, an artificial stimulus to demand, a premature reduction in interest rates - so long as interest rates alone control monetary growth - would all miss the target. Preoccupation with unemployment in the mid-Eighties, when it became a political virility symbol to have the total fall every month (as it did for 44 months up to April 1990), was a significant contrib-

utor to the over-expansion of the

money supply which is now being

so painfully unravelled. Even in political terms it is far from clear that the headline unemployment figures carried as much weight with the electorate as many politicians imagined. Voters panicked less than politicians, and probably not through selfishness, but from a reasonably well informed sense of what local labour market con-

ditions were actually like.

The real problems of Britain's labour market were summed up by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development cartier this year. In Britain "the persistence of important labour market rigidities is suggested by wide disparities in regional unemployment and continued high wage inflation compared with other member countries. Distortions in the housing market stemming from tax privileges and unduly tight restrictions on land development are an obstacle to greater regional mobility. Relatively low productivity levels may reflect weaknesses in the UK education and training systems."

The lesson is clear. Britain has an opportunity to put these prob-lems right, quickly, before the consequences of membership of the European exchange-rate mechanism and the OECD's factors really do manifest themselves in an unemployment problem. Britain's employers have failed

to seize their chance to decentralise bargaining down not just 10 plant level, but to flexible individual contracts. The result is concealed unemployment, uncompetitive plants - and sudden dismissals of hundreds or thousands of workers. It is a clumsy and debilitating means of adjustment to changing competitive markets.

Employers should be blamed for this shortfall, rather than for reflecting market realities in pay settlements. Given rigid bargaining systems that still give too large a role to traditional union mechanisms that bargain for large groups of workers, inflation-driven wagepush follows as night follows day. Many large British companies seem to respond neither to bad times (the recession of the early Eighties) nor good times (the post-1985 growth) to individualise their bargaining. Nor do they respond to tax incentives. Take-up of the Treasury's Profit Related Pay initiative has been overwhelmingly among small business.

So what should be done? Four things. First, sort out the continning doubts among employers about Britain's alphabet soup of

vocational training initiatives and qualifications. There will be little progress until employers are confident that a straightforward, meaningful system of skill training exists. Second, make speedy use of the forthcoming EC directive which will give every worker an entitlement to a clear job contract. Use it to encourage employers to think of their workers as individuals, and to end the rigidities which make it so difficult for Britain's labour markets to adjust. Third, redouble the many splendid but under-publicised schemes - job clubs, job interview guarantees, training guarantees — which help Britain's jobless gear themselves to employers' needs. And, importantly, address the OECD's housing and land market concerns with a liberalisation of planning laws, so that when growth returns, more house-priceled inflation does not follow.

It is sad that the cycle of unemployment-reflation-unemployment still affects the British economy. As the figures rise once more, only a calm, clear focus on the real solutions - a supply-side labour market package - can stop the dismal process beginning again. The author is general director of the Institute of Economic Affairs.

Fear in a cold Soviet climate feeds the impetus to exodus

s Western policy makers assess the significance of the KGB announcement on Tuesday that it would take tighter control of the movement to reform, one effect already seems certain. The statement will be one more reason why tens of thousand of Russians, mainly the young, want to flee their country. For the past three weeks the West has been wrestling with ways of discouraging Russians from fleeing to the West at a time of growing food shortages. Its answer so far has been a huge injection of aid: food parcels from Germany, subsidised grain from Washington and an aid package to be agreed at this week's European summit in Rome. This generosity was meant to take the sting out of discontent in the Soviet Union this winter and give Mikhail Gorbachev breathing space.

Western policy makers did not reckon with the KGB. The statement by the agency's chairman, Vladimir Kryuchkov, is likely to throw all Western calculations askew. Mr Kryuchkov not only vices of waging "a secret war" against the Soviet Union, he said opponents of the existing order enjoyed "material and moral support" from abroad. If the KGB is returning to its old ways, many Russians will argue, there is no

time to lose before leaving.
The advance guard of this potential Soviet refugee army can already be seen in London, working in pubs or as babysitters, perhaps sleeping in railway stations. They are probably to be counted only in their hundreds, but if the KGB shows signs of taking greater control, more Soviet visitors will overstay their three months' tourist visas, preferring to wash dishes in the West than go back to their homeland. Some will try to claim political asylum, arguing that their liberty will be in danger from the KGB or from the military.

Fears of a mass migration from Russia were first prompted by a draft immigration law which would allow Soviet citizens to hold passports and go abroad at will. After several delays, it is expected to be passed next year, probably



Alan Philps weighs the possibility of mass emigration from a nation caught between break-up and a resurgent KGB

scenarios by suggesting that up to three million of their compatriots may want to seek work in the European Community. Poland, Czechoslovakia and Hungary are setting up refugee offices, fearing that the destitute will drift across the horder this winter in search of food and warmth. The Budapest government worries that Soviet troops, now pulling out, will take one look at their new accommodation in tents and railway wagons, and come straight back to their old

The East European countries are most exposed to migration as Soviet citizens do not need visas to enter them. But estimates of millions on the march seem exaggerated unless civil war breaks out in the Soviet Union. There is simply not enough transport to move that number of people. Passports already take six weeks to get, and queues will get longer. Even if Ukrainians and Belorussians, penniless and without passports, skied westwards and trampled down the border fences,

going down the same road, and Hungarians already have to do two jobs to make ends meet.

Adventurous Russians dream of working in the European Community. Every family would like to have a son or daughter earning hard currency to support those who stay behind. But most of these people will find they are knocking on a boited door. Only those of Jewish or German origin, who are allowed to emigrate to Israel and Germany respectively, have an automatic entrée to the West. These groups, with Armenians and members of some Christian sects, make up 98 per cent of the more than 400,000 people expected to emigrate this year.

Soviet citizens, there is bitter irony in the fact that as the formal barriers to free travel are torn down, more insidious hurdles are being put up. Visa requirements by Western countries are the main bottleneck. But there are Soviet ones too: the price of the train ticket from Moscow to European capitals is

not before the summer. Soviet experiencing its first taste of mass likely to rise up to tenfold, making officials have fuelled alarmist unemployment, Czechoslovakia is it as expensive as air travel (which is booked months in advance). Getting the Soviet traveller's meagre foreign currency allowance of

£180 takes weeks of queuing. The word is filtering back to Moscow from Russians who came west looking for a slice of the rich man's cake that Europe does not need their labour or skills, apart from those of the cream of the academic and scientific community. This dispiriting message will serve to dampen the refugee exodus: so many know already that the only welcome that awaits them here is a cold shoulder.

But though the West may want to keep the Russians at home, it cannot afford to ignore their plight. Food aid, such as Washington's offer on Wednesday of up to \$1 billion of grain on subsidised credit, and the aid package the European community is expected to tie up at this week's Rome summit, are important. But these are a stopgap. No amount of charity from the West will feed the Soviet Union; it could not feed the 1.2 million people in Moscow

alone who are listed as needy. The ultimate solution to the food problem is to restore value to the rouble and eventually make it fully convertible. But this prospect is receding: Mr Gorbachev has been forced to put off, perhaps indefinitely, the signing of a new union treaty, a project he hoped would recreate the Soviet Union as a voluntary union of republics. Without this political underpinning it is too early to talk of the

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essential economic reform. There is little we can do now to kick-start the Soviet economy. Comparisons with post-war Germany and the Marshall Plan are misleading: Germany was rich in skills and ruled by an Allied military government with an interest in making it prosperous.

European leaders should beware of giving credits to Moscow which would encourage the KGB in what appears to be a new bout of coldwar rhetoric. Along with the armed forces and Communist party, the KGB is one of the few all-Union organisations which can hold the country together, and it still has a role to play. But if the Soviet Union is once again to be a country where foreigners are automatically suspect and contacts with people abroad are a a matter of suspicion, then we have no business sending the European taxpayers' money in its direction. The author is a writer on Soviet and European affairs.

Constable's mixed doubles

s the Tate Gallery prepares A for a comprehensive exhibition of John Constable landscapes next year, a sleuth at the V&A has found previously unknown paintings lurking under the skins of his mature works. Using X-ray and infra-red techniques on nearly 50 Constable canvases, restorer Sarah Cove has found a number of new pictures, and, as her work proceeds, art historians are hoping that important works will turn up. Along with some incomplete images, Cove has already found a

full painting beneath Deadham Vale, Evening 1802. "Between 1810 and 1812 he seems to have cut up a lot of larger canvases and painted over them," says Cove, who is carrying out the work for a Courtauld Institute PhD. "After 1810 his career really took off and he seems to have cut up some of his earlier work because he thought it was no good."

Art experts have long been intrigued by the disappearance of many of Constable's Lake District paintings, which were exhibited and catalogued in 1806. Cove's investigation raises the possibility that Constable obliterated the paintings from this period with new work

"In recent years many new works by Constable have been discovered, and I think they will go on turning up," says Leslie Parris, deputy keeper of the British Collection at the Tate. "He is a particularly well documented painter, and there are many known works which have dis-

appeared." Students of Constable's work are hoping for a discovery on the scale of that at Washington's National Gallery, where an unknown and complete Constable was found under his sketch The White Horse.

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Cove has, incidentally, found that Constable was just as quick as Turner to take advantage of new materials, contrary to the view of many experts. "He started using chrome yellows in 1816, which was only shortly after the material became available," says Cove. "He was just behind Turner in using the new materials, but until 1820 his use of the new colour was very tentative. After that, as we can see from his Hampstead paintings, he goes mad, splashing it all over the place."

• Hansard rarely makes riveting bedtime reading. But parlia-mentary words of wisdom are now in such demand that John MacGregor, the Leader of the House, is to launch a compact disc version, readable on computer. The discs will be sold commercially, but no price has been fixed. Consumers will not get a daily diet, but will have to restrain themselves until the end of each parliamentary session.

Sunk at Henley

he Tory leadership contest has claimed another casualty. Tom Morrison, the agent in Michael Heseltine's Henley Conservative Association, has been told to find a new job. Morrison is regarded as having played a key role in the association's decision to issue a public and highly critical reply to the open letter their MP wrote just

before he challenged Mrs Thatcher for the party leadership.

Morrison, who has been in the post only since the end of September, has already started looking for another association in need of a full-time agent. One of those at Westminster who ran the Heseltine campaign says: "His position is untenable. He gave the constit-

uency bad advice. His loyalty must be to the sitting member. Morrison refuses to discuss the reason for his swift departure. "I have not discussed this with Michael Heseltine. I'm employed by Henley Conservative Association, not the MP," he says. And he denies that he gave the association bad advice. "The only error was the way the press interpreted the letter, as criticism of Mr

Heseltine." Before his move to Henley, Morrison worked in Putney, London, for David Mellor, one of John Major's campaign organisers. But he insists he was strictly neutral during the contest. "I had no view at all on whether Mrs Thatcher should stay on as a leader," he says. He must have been the only person in the country who did not.

Big build-up

he Prince of Wales may soon see one of his staunchest supporters ensconced as president of the Royal Institute of British Architects. Richard MacCormack has emerged as front-runner for the appointment, to be announced on Monday, after receiving 40 per cent support in a poll taken by Architect's Journal, while his two rivals, Jonathan Ball, the Riba council's own nominee, and Ray Cecil, scored 13 per cent and 24 per cent respectively.

Best known for designing buildings for students at Worcester College, Oxford and Trinity, Cam-

its either the ballat box or one of my designs



bridge. MacCormack has a penchant for traditional materials. pitched roofs and buildings on a domestic scale. "I think it is very unseemly for the profession to be in open dispute with the prince," he says. "If I were to win, I would hope to open up diplomatic negotiation with bodies such as the Victorian Society and SAVE. I believe in reinterpreting traar Richard Body, scourge of big have greater information about the

ditional ideas without pastiche." In marked contrast, Max Hutchinson, the outgoing president - known affectionately as Mad Max in the profession differed with Prince Charles and wrote a critical reply to the prince's Vision of Britain.

Toe in the water

Derhaps taking to heart the seasonal message of peace: and reconciliation, John Major was the surprise guest at the. Christmas reception this week of the ultra-wet Tory Reform Group,. a caucus never graced by his predecessor. Major spent nearly an hour socialising with the 200 MPs, party workers and academics, stayed longer than he had intended and was late for his next appointment. The visit was a carefully guarded secret: only a handful of senior figures in the pressure group were aware the new prime minister was to attend. He spent most of the time-

mixing with ordinary party workers, and had his ear bent on a number of issues, notably the poll. tax. The group is pressing for the charge to be replaced by a local income tax, something which Michael Heseltine has promised to consider. Not surprisingly, Major gave no definitive view on

With the prime minister insisting that he would listen to views from all wings of the party, his appearance there was clearly popular. Arthur Bell, chairman of the Scottish reform group, which had 20 members at the meeting, said: "It was a great success. He preached the message of unity and stressed that it would be a listening party. And we believed him."

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PAYING FOR A MISTAKE

The announcement that dole queues are lengthening as fast as in the dark days of 1981 carries a message for John Major. In politics as in life, the ability to admit mistakes can be a sign of intelligence and strength. Since he became prime minister, Mr Major has had the courage to recognise mistakes in several fields, from poll tax to haemophilia. The rise in unemployment suggests that he may soon have to brace himself for a bigger confession: that the key policy decision he made during his period as Chancellor of the Exchequer was a mistake, at least in timing and execution.

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The highly political decision to enter the European exchange-rate mechanism last October and at an exchange rate of DM2.95 to the pound looked like a mistake at the time. Today this can no longer be doubted, after the juxtaposition of yesterday's unemployment figures with the previous day's blustering about interest rates by Norman Lamont in his first Commons performance as Chancellor.

When Britain joined the exchange-rate mechanism two months ago, it was not altogether clear whether consumers would go on spending and borrowing or whether demand would finally succumb to high interest rates. Nor was it clear whether a prospective economic slowdown, not yet termed a recession by the experts, would be big enough to reduce inflationary wage settlements. It was not even clear whether the world economy was weakening in response to flagging confidence across the Atlantic or facing yet more inflationary overheating by booming European and Japanese investment demand.

Because it feared continued economic overheating, the government felt that it had to anchor sterling before it could risk cutting interest rates. This was the argument that swayed Margaret Thatcher to allow ERM membership the day before the Conservative party conference in Bournemouth. Now the imponderables have been resolved, by an economic decline, which is already severe and

is still gaining momentum. If last October's cut in interest rates was justified by domestic conditions, as Mr Major the Chancellor proudly insisted, then further cuts in rates are surely more than justified today. Yet Mr Major's successor in the job, Norman Lamont, appears to disagree. In the

course of a single brief speech reminiscent of Sir Geoffrey Howe in the early 1980s, Mr Lamont ruled out not only an interest rate cut, which the financial markets had pencilled in for this week, but every other anti-recessionary policy known to economics.

Mr Lamont dismissed as "siren voices" the many economists who have argued that sterling was overvalued. He ridiculed "the use of fiscal policy to give a short-lived stimulus to demand". Above all, he gave a hostage to fortune on the central issue of interest rates. There could be "no question of a reduction in interest rates which was not fully justified by sterling's position in the exchange-rate mechanism". The government would do "whatever was necessary" to keep sterling at its target level of DM2.95 in the ERM, he declared. And he added: "This will be the case however strong the pressure for a reduction in interest rates, based on other indicators." Fixed exchange rates are thus back with a vengeance. The Treasury is content. Free markets in currencies, from Iain Macleod to Mrs Thatcher, are but transient memories.

This is extremely depressing. Mr Lamont appears to be welcoming the periodic game of chicken between cabinet and foreign exchange markets which so dominated politics in the 1960s. The market analysts believe overwhelmingly that an exchange rate of DM2.95 is wholly unsustainable. The proof lies in the fact that they are pushing sterling down on the exchanges even when London offers them 14 per cent interest rates. Mr Lamont is proposing to push the British economy deep into recession merely to sustain an ERM parity haphazardly dictated by the timing of the last Tory party conference.

At best, these wars of political nerve are a costly, probably temporary, method of suppressing inflation. They distract attention from the supply-side causes of inflation, such as industrial monopolies, uneducated workers, protected agriculture and professional cartels. At worst they can become an economically debilitating self-deception on the part of Britain's mandarinate. They destroy output and jobs and do not fool the markets, because the markets know that July 9, 1992, is the last possible date for a general election.

SCRUTINY OF STRASBOURG

Of all the devices to promote European political union which are to be considered by the two inter-governmental conferences when they convene in Rome tomorrow, the proposed enhancement of the powers of the European parliament is the most eccentric.

A parliament traditionally performs at least three distinct functions, as legislature, as deliberative chamber and as scrutineer of the executive. In Britain, it is also the electoral college of that executive, severely curtailing parliament's effectiveness. So far national parliaments have been reluctant to delegate legislative functions to the European parliament.

However, a number of states are ready to concede greater legislative powers to the Strasbourg assembly. Even the treaty amendments proposed by the European Commission - by no means as radical as those supported by the Germans - envisage a parliament whose amendments to EC legislation could be rejected only by a majority of the Council of Ministers.

Such amendments may have wide scope. National parliaments would, thanks to majority voting, have no redress against amendments to which they objected. The legislative boot would be on Strasbourg's foot, enabling it to interfere in domestic matters.

Acceptance of these suggestions, on the curious premise that the faintly ridiculous European parliament must be given "more to do", would certainly weaken the national parliaments and governments in comparison with the Community's institutions. Whether it would increase democratic accountability for EC decisions is doubtful.

Most Europeans view their nationallyelected ministers as the natural conduit of democratic legitimacy. A distant legislature under the control of shifting coalitions of regional interest groups would hardly represent a more sophisticated form of accountability. It would probably degenerate into mutual backscratching for Brussels subsidies, as is already occurring. The most that can be said for direct elections to Strasbourg - rather than some other council of national parliaments — is that it entrenches the voting habit in such emerging European democracies as Portugal and Greece.

Some changes in parliamentary functions seemed unavoidable. Unless the British are ready to acquiesce in the gradual substitution of Strasbourg for Westminster, they should try to divert the energies of the Community's only directly-elected institution into functions which do not, from a constitutional point of view, alter the balance between the national and supra-national levels.

Already under Margaret Thatcher, the British had proposed giving Strasbourg a new brief to oversee the Community's budget. John Major intends to press the same case. In Rome this idea will meet with little opposition, but is unlikely to satisfy those who wish for more ambitious reform. As has often happened before, a sensible and thoroughly communautaire British proposal may not receive its due. Strasbourg's competence to exercise budgetary oversight - on which the prestige of the House of Commons used to depend - is taken for granted. Strasbourg must first prove that it can control the large, growing and notoriously corrupt budget of the Community before being given extra responsibilities.

The principle of subsidiarity demands that a European parliament should not busy itself with matters which national lawgivers do better. To offend against that principle now, by doubling up the functions of Strasbourg and its national counterparts, would undermine the British aim, which is supported by Germany and the Commission, of writing subsidiarity into the EC treaties.

ANOTHER BALL GAME

Bigger goals equals more goals, equals better football. Stuart McCall, an Everton midfielder player, says it all. "I was where midfield players should be, on the edge of the box, hoping for a knock-down. But nine times out of ten my shots from that position fly over ... " A proposal discussed yesterday by Fifa's executive committee, the world's governing body now meeting in Zurich, would make Mr McCall's exertions more fruitful by moving the goalposts further apart, or perhaps raising the crossbar.

The Times has urged this way of ending World Cup goal famines and the plague of excessively defensive play before. The Fifa committee has now ordered a review of the state of the sport, including changes in the rules to bring more goals. Traditionalists, who see the rules of football as sacrosanct as the Ten-Commandments, wish the bigger goal idea an early death. But money talks. Fifa is dreaming in television megabucks. Games lasting beyond 90 minutes bring trouble with evening schedules.

Fifa, of course, has more on its mind than Mr McCall's weekly box-edge disappointments. Fifa is thinking of the next World Cup, in the almost virgin soccer territory of the United States. Fifa is asking itself what happens if you aim the average concentration span of American television viewers at 90 minutes of defensive passing interrupted by bouts of meaningless histrionics, with both teams hoping to make the next round on a 0-0 score line and not too many yellow cards. Fifa is noting the unlikelihood that American TV, if covering the World Cup at all on one of the big three networked channels, will disturb its schedules for some unscheduled more-of-thesame in extra time. Fifa may even be wondering whether, if the only excitement of World Cup football is the shoot-out, to drop the preliminaries altogether and go straight to

The present difficulty in scoring, for which better goalkeeping is partly to blame, shapes the whole style of play. One would be mistaken to suppose that football with bigger goals would be played exactly as now, simply with more of Mr McCall's high shots counting. A team one goal ahead could not afford, as it can now, to "shut the game down" by keeping the ball to itself. The only safe tactic would be to score, score, and score again, as in rugby. A midway 0-0 or 1-1 would warn both sides of maximum danger rather than invite a com-

placent ride through the second half. None of this would be achieved by various other ideas Fifa has considered, such as cutting teams to ten (unless the missing man was the goalkeeper), or changes to the offside rule, or adding up each side's corner kicks if the scores are level at the end. If the point of counting corner kicks is that they could nearly be goals, why not increase the thrill by letting them turn

into real goals more often? Fifa hopes that association football can at last be made to appeal to ordinary Americans, a highly profitable market. The 1994 World Cup is about soccer evangelism. Too subtle scoring like the corner-kick proposal, and unexciting variations like ten men per side, are not going to win converts. Football spectators want a 90-minute dose of adrenalin, not a game

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

An even greater insult came last

Tuesday when Parliament de-bated the EC budget for 1991. Instead of a reduction in farm

future depends, will be seriously

From Mr Bryan Cassidy, MEP

Sir, I scarcely expected to find

myself in complete agreement

with three sources as diverse as

your editorial, "Gatt on the rocks" (December 8), Mr Nicholas Rid-

ley, MP, and Lord Joseph (letter,

December 10). However, the three

of you are absolutely right in

condemning the European Com-

munity for the failure of last

week's Uruguay round talks in

I attended both the Montreal

meeting two years ago and Brus-sels last week, and I am convinced

that the Community made a fun-

damental tactical error in not

taking up the American challenge

at Montreal to discuss the phasing

out of trade-distorting export sub-

In consequence, the Americans

helped to isolate the European

Community in Brussels. After the

crude attempt by 30,000 dem-

onstrating farmers to browbeat the

delegates to the Gatt on the

Monday of the discussions (re-

port, December 4), I would have

thought that there would have

been precious little sympathy left

for the over-mighty agricultural

Until the common agricultural

policy is reformed there seems

little point in discussing the detail

of economic and monetary union,

still less of closer political union. I

hope that the future of world trade

and of the Gatt will be at the top of

the agenda for the European Council meeting in Rome next

weekend.

Yours faithfully,

BRYAN CASSIDY,

White Cliff Gardens,

Blandford, Dorset.

December 10.

sidies on agricultural products.

Hampshire West (European

Democrat (Conservative))

undermined.

December 10.

Yours sincerely.

TEDDY TAYLOR.

House of Commons.

for Dorset East and

Impact on British economy of Gatt failure to agree Britain should reassess its future,

Will the French and Germans

allow our larger enterprises a place on the gravy train? Do we want to

From Mr Patrick O'Brien

Sir, Anatole Kaletsky's article (December 10) on the common agricultural policy and Gatt negotiations is perfectly correct in its economic assessment, but far too optimistic in its political judgment that Europe will choose world free trade and reform the CAP.

The first reason that France and Germany might allow the Gatt negotiations to fail is precisely because land values in Europ would fall dramatically if the CAP were rationalised. The adjustment to the loss of so much value and fall in food prices would be difficult.

The second reason is that French and German industry will be busy for two decades as they rebuild most of Eastern Europe's (possibly including Russia's) production facilities. German and French enterprises could become the largest and most powerful in the world. Whilst this is happen-ing world trade is of minor importance, especially as the Third World cannot even pay its present debts,

Are the French and Germans going to create a pan-European corporate state whose industrial might will eventually dominate the world? The failure of the Gatt negotiations would favour such a plan by making it easier to exclude apan and the USA from Eastern Europe. German food parcels to Russia could be the first step to

If the Gatt negotiations fail

Rome test for Major From the Chairman of the European Movement and others

Sir, On Friday this week, John Major faces his first European Council meeting as prime minister. It will be a critical test of his political skill, for he will need simultaneously to advance Brit-ain's position in the Community, accept the other member states repeated commitment to monetary and political union and retain

the full support of his party.
At the same time, we shall be leading a delegation of British members of the European Movement to Rome to join tens of thousands of our fellow European citizens at a rally calling for democratic reform of the Community's institutions to be a central part of the process of political union.

We seek co-decision-making powers for the European Parliament, along with the Council of Ministers; an extension of qualified majority voting in the Council

From Mr Ronald Higgins and

Sir, It was a pleasure to read an

army recruitment advertisement

(November 30) recognising global

security problems such as popula-

tion explosion and the destruction

of the Earth's forests and oceans.

Unfortunately, however, we are

presented with a false choice: that

between an ideal world we cannot

Clearly, as the Gulf crisis dem-

onstrates, military threats still exist. But the advertisement itself

foresees "new" and certain global

threats. Military insurance will

afford and a military insurance

noticy inherited from the past.

Army at ease

Dr Rai Thamotheram

not protect us from these inevitable dangers; military solutions to them are strictly limited and

potentially counter-productive Preventive action, backed by resources on the scale currently allocated to the military, must be taken now. The end of the Cold War does not mean that we live in an ideal world. It does mean that we must reassess our fundamental security needs.

Yours faithfully, RONALD HIGGINS (Director, Dunamis). RAJ THÁMOTHERAM (Executive Director, Saferworld), 82 Coiston Street, Bristol, Avon. December 3.

Poll tax and voting

From Mrs J. V. S. Robertson

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tion.

Yours faithfully.

Midlothian.

November 28.

local elections.

J. V. S. ROBERTSON,

The Grange, Dalmahoy, Kirknewton,

From Mrs Francine Ridd

Sir, As a foreigner living in this

country I find it very frustrating to

have to pay the poll tax whilst being denied the right to vote in

After a certain period of res-

lence in the UK such a right

should, in my view, be granted to

Sir, As people with second homes

have to pay a second poll tax, should they not be allowed to vote

in the local elections of both

No taxation without representa-

Fruit and nut case

From Mr Anthony Hopkinson Sir, We should all be grateful to Alan Coren for drawing our attention to the delights of the latest VAT Notes ("... and moreover", December 4). I recommend for further study VAT leastet 701/14/89 Food.

Customs and Excise faced a major challenge when VAT was imposed on confectionery and salted nuts in 1983. What to do about assortments of biscuits. some of which were coated in chocolate? What to do about fruit and nut mixes?

For the Solomons of VAT, chopping the baby in half was too simple: 701/14/89 Food lays down that if the weight of chocolate biscuits in an assortment does not exceed 15 per cent the assortment escapes tax. Fruit and nut mixes avoid tax if the weight of chocolate and roasted nuts does not exceed 25 per cent. Honest people in firms large and small are wasting time at the end of each quarter

working out these details. VAT was originally presented to the public as a very simple tax. A trader bought something for £10, did some work on it and sold it on for £25, paying tax on the added value. How have we let them make it so complicated?

Yours sincerely ANTHONY HOPKINSON. Melbourn Bury, Royston, Hertfordshire.

Beyond recall?

From Mrs Valerie Moyses Sir, Mrs W. A. Higgins's letter (December 6) asks after how many years it is acceptable to stop sending Christmas cards to friends one is never likely to see again.

I keep the cards going for twice as long as the friendship lasted e.g., if I knew people in one place for two years, I go on sending cards for four years afterwards.

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VALERIE MOYSES. 33 Greenhills Park, Bloxham, nr Banbury, Oxfordsbire.

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be part of a corporate state run by spending, the EC plans to increase the Germans? We shall be but its spending sharply to £23,000 junior partners in Europe, far from Berlin the new centre, and million and the signs are that this enormous figure will prove an suspect because of our special underestimate. relationship with America. Our So long as the EC persists with this chronic and artificial socialist policy the prospects for freer trade in the world, on which Britain's

overseas trade will be badly damaged by the failure of Gatt and our past arrogance remembered by those in charge, i.e., the Yours truly PAT O'BRIEN,

Evening Glade,

Golf Links Road.

December 10.

Ferndown, Dorset.

From Mr Teddy Taylor, MP for Southend East (Conservative) Sir. Why does The Times continue to refer (report, December 8) to the EC's proposal to the Gatt talks as being a 30 per cent cut in agricultural support? The alleged 30 per cent offer was largely bogus and the EC has been chiefly responsible for the unfortunate

breakdown in the Gatt talks. The EC claimed that half its 30 per cent "cut" had already been secured and so far as the remaining 15 per cent was concerned, the Council of Ministers made it clear that farmers would be fully compensated with other aids, grants or subsidies for any such reduction. The offer was little more than an insult to the nations represented at the Gatt talks.

for all matters except treaty revisions and enlargement; greater openness in the Council's decision-making processes; and the statutory right of the parliament to approve the appointment of commissioners. We believe that this rally will show the level of popular support for political union throughout the Community and convince the European Council to seize this historic opportunity.

We hope that Mr Major will approach these negotiations with an open mind and judge the arguments on their merit. Such an attitude, more than anything else, will ensure that the British proposals are fully considered as a positive contribution to the debate rather than as an attempt to hinder progress towards integration. Yours faithfully.

HUGH DYKES, Chairman, JOHN PINDER (Vice-Chairman), PETER LUFF (Director), The European Movement, 1 Whitehall Place, SW1. December 9.

> Lotteries dilemma From Mr Mark Dunn

Your leading article of December 3, recommending a national lottery, will strike many of your readers as common sense. However, it omits to mention some important points.
First, lotteries, large and small,

require careful government supervision if control is not to fall into the hands of undesirable elements. Public scrutiny of open books is not enough.
Secondly, in order to raise the

significant sums to which Mr Peter Palumbo, Mr Denis Vaughan and many others look forward, it is essential that a number of small, narrowly directed lotteries are not countenanced. Small lotteries would be unable to compete with the European national lotteries, which are large and strictly limited in num-

Thirdly, small lotteries for charitable purposes are permitted under the current Lotteries Act, but they require a lot of "policing" by the Gaming Board, under Home Office supervision, and they raise insignificant funds by comparison with their large European counterparts.

The last royal commission on

gambling, under the chairmanship of the late Lord Rothschild, produced an authoritative report in 1978 and recommended the ablishment of a single "National Lottery for Good Causes". Regrettably, this recommendation has not been adopted by successive governments. It deserves support. Yours etc., MARK DÚNN, Wildham, Stoughton,

Chichester,

West Sussex

Holy smoke From Councillor John Whiteman

all foreign nationals.

Yours faithfully,

November 29.

25 Parkside, NW7.

Sir, Contrary to the impression given by your leading article, "Holy smoke" (December 4), Northumberland County Council has not decided to disband the group of volunteer fire-fighters on Holy Island, though this must clearly remain a major option. The only recommendation we considered was that the chief fire officer and I should meet the volunteer crew and the parish council to discuss how new government regulations could affect fire cover on the island. My suggestion that this meeting should be open to all and held on the island on December 20 was accepted.

Your leader failed to point out that it was the county council who originally organised the volunteer crew and built a garage on the island to house the fire engine.

The Government has made regulations which make it impossible for existing arrangements to be continued by a responsible public body. We shall examine all December 5. the options with an open mind, including any suggestions made by the islanders themselves. That was

Yours faithfully, JOHN WHITEMAN (Deputy Leader), Northumberland County Council, County Hall, Morpeth, Northumberland.

From Mr Robert Young

always, and continues to be, our

Sir, I would like to comment on the idiocy of regulations which would require Douglas Cromarty. the present crew leader of Holy Island's fire service, to stand down because at 64 he is considered too old for the job (report, December 4).

Last September, along with other members of this department, I had the honour to help Dougie and the volunteer crew extinguish a small dune fire. We considered ourselves fairly fit after three weeks of archaeological excavation, but we had difficulty keeping up with him, and unlike him we could not see in the dark! Berwick firemen did turn out,

having driven across the cause-

FRENCH. DRY AND MISSINDERSTOOD

out for some time before we saw them picking their way through

This small incident makes a very serious point. Despite the fact that Lindisfame is a small island, access to many parts of it is difficult and requires real local knowledge - knowledge which the island's volunteer fire-fighters have in abundance and which personnel airlifted from the mainland (as your leader suggests) would certainly not possess. If Northumberland County

Council have the best interests of this hardy island community at heart, serious consideration should be given to trying to get the Health and Safety Executive to make the island an exception with regard to the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health regulations. Yours sincerely, ROBERT YOUNG. University of Leicester,

Department of Archaeology, University Road, Leicester. December 6

Open University expansion costs

From the President of the Open University Students Association Sir. It was a distressing experience for many Open University students to read in your paper (report, December 7) of our Vicehancellor's plans to raise fees above the rate of inflation. Of course the OU's waiting list will disappear if Dr Daniel carries out his promise, but at what cost?

Potential students will vote with their feet. Not only will they disappear but, for many, their chance of higher education will go with it. The linked idea of an expansion into the rest of Europe achieved by shutting the doors at home is abhorrent.

I cannot believe that OU students, having fought two major campaigns to defend our university from government cuts, will now find the problems nearer home. Access, equal opportunities and a chance for the many to have higher education must not be destroyed on the altar of market

Please, Dr Daniel, your students ask you to think again, both for us and those who we hope will follow.

Yours sincerely, ALICJA ZALEWSKA, President, The Open University Students Association. PO Box 397, Waiton Hail, Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire.

From Mr Jack Rendle Sir. Your Higher Education Correspondent reports today that plans to double the number of Open University students, by setting up centres in Europe, are being formulated by the new Vice-Chancellor, and that fees will rise

tion the Vice-Chancellor has described the OU as "being better placed than any in the world to be the first truly global university". For two main reasons I respectfully hope that he will have second thoughts about such develop-

faster than the rate of inflation to

finance this expansion. In addi-

1. The founders of the OU wished to promote equal opportunity by making university education in Britain open to all adults, irrespective of their backgrounds or resources. However, since the OU began its fees have steadily risen. As bursaries and scholarships are scarce, the OU has failed to attract many students from the lower income groups. Increasing fees beyond the rate of inflation will virtually exclude students from the lower income groups altogether, and the university will cease to be open.

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2. The OU is financed directly by the government in order to ineducation in this country. There is no good reason why it should finance a global university for the benefit of foreign students. Why should OU students be asked to pay higher fees in order to finance this speculative development? Yours faithfully.

JACK RENDLÉ, 30 Bathwick Hill, Bath, Avon. December 7.

Road congestion From Mr John B. Robinson

Sir, Recent announcements by the transport secretary concerning the proposals to increase the number of lanes on the M25 (report, December 4) provide a partial answer to motorway congestion. The overwhelming problem is not simply an insufficiency of lanes but the inefficient utilization of those lanes which already exist.

Any solution to congestion on urban motorways must address two related adverse conditions. The first, bunching in right-hand lanes and low utilization of lefthand lanes, is directly attributable to the prohibition of overtaking on the left. The second is the maximum speed limit, which is no longer relevant to modern vehicle design and safety requirements, and also causes bunching.

The Government should immediately consider either increasing the speed limit to 90 or introducing an amendment to the Road Traffic Acts to permit overtaking on the left and right on designated urban motorways. Yours sincerely, JOHN ROBINSON,

8 Deerplay Close, Burnley, Lancashire.

way; however, the fire had been the dunes with their torches.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE December 13: The Crown Prince of Thailand was received by The Oueen.

The Right Hon Cecil Parkinson, MP had an audience of The Oueen and took leave upon relinquishing his appointment as Secretary of State for Transport.

His Excellency Mr Angelos M Angelides was received in audience by The Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Commission as High ioner for Cyprus in London.

His Excellence was accompanied by the following members of the High Commission: Mr Michael Spanos (Minister Plenipotentiary), Mr Stavros Epaminondas (Commellor), Mr Ozer Beha (Counsellor, Legal), Mr Andreas Neophytou (Coun-sellor), Mr Klitos Avgoustinos (Counsellor, Cultural Affairs), Mr Sotirios Georgallis (Counsellor, Press) and Mr Andreas Mavrogenis (Counsellor. Commerce)

sellor, Commerce).

Mrs Angelides was received by Her Majesty.

Sir Patrick Wright (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) was present and the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

His Excellency Sir Edney Cain and Lady Cain were received in farewell audience by The Queen and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as High Commissioner for Belize in London. Sir John Fretwell, Sir John Robson and Sir Derek Thomas vere received by The Queen

upon their retirement from the Lady Fretwell Lady Robson

and Lady Thomas were also received by Her Majesty. The Queen this afternoon visited Grove Park School for the Physically Handicapped, London NW9, and was received by the Mayor of Brent (Councillor Roger Stone) and Miss J. Afterwards Her Majesty

isited the Remploy Southern Division Factory at Acton. Having been received by the Mayor of Ealing (Councillor William Hill), Sir George Young, Bt, MP (Minister for Housing and Planning) and Mr lvor Cohen (Remploy Chairman), The Queen toured the factory and unveiled a

emorative plaque. The Hon Mary Morrison, Sir Kenneth Scott and Lieutenant-Colonel Blair Stewart-Wilson were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Senior Trustee, this morning attended a Meeting of the Trustees and lunch at the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich, and was received by Admiral of the Fleet the Lord

Lewin (Chairman).
His Royal Highness, Master of Trinity House, visited Bond Helicopters Limited, Aberdeen Airport, Dyce, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the City of Aberdeen (Mr Provost) and Mr Stephen Bond

(Managing Director).
The Prince Edward, Trustee of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, this evening attended a Dinner, at Scribes West International, Kensington High Street, London W8.

The Princess Royal, Past Master, Worshipful Company of Farriers, attended the Court Meeting and Charitable Trust Meeting of the Worshipful Company of Farriers at Inn-holders' Hall, London, followed by a Court Luncbeon.
This afternoon Her Royal

Highness presented Long Service Badges to Queen's Nurses at Butchers' Hall, Bartholomew Close, London.

The Hon Mrs Legge-Bourke The Princess Honorary Member of Lloyd's, received Mr Murray Lawrence at Buckingham Palace on relinquishing his appointment as Chairman of Lloyd's.

CLARENCE HOUSE December 13: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was present this evening at a Reception given by the Royal Warrant Holders Association at 20 Sc

The Dowager Viscountess
Hambleden and Sir Alastair
Aird were in attendance. KENSINGTON PALACE December 13: The Prince of Wales, Chairman, The Prince

Wales, Chairman, The Prince of Wales' Committee, visited projects supported by the Committee in the Weishpool area and subsequently presented his awards at the Theatr Hafren,

Newtown, Powys.
His Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Powys (Mr Mervyn Bourdillon).
Major-General Sir Christian Airy was in attendance. topher Airy was in attendance.
The Princess of Wales,
Patron, International Spinal

Research Trust, attended a reception in the Atrium, 1 Finsbury Avenue, EC2.
Her Royal Highness attended a charity premiere of Hobson's Choice at the Princess Anne Theatre at BAFTA, Piccadilly,

Mrs James Lonsdale and Mr Patrick Jephson were in

KENSINGTON PALACE December 13: The Duke of Gloucester, President, Parents Against Tobacco, today presented awards to winners of the Schools Competition and the PaT Campaign at a luncheon held at the Roof Gardens, 99 Kensington High Street, London, W8.

Major Nicholas Barne was in attendance. The Duchess of Gloucester was present this evening at the Worshipful Company of Fan Makers' Livery Banquet at Mansion House, London, EC4. Mrs Michael Wigley was in attendance.

ST JAMES'S PALACE December 13: The Duke of Kent, President of the Engineering Council, this morning attended a Council Meeting followed by lunch at 10 Maltravers Street, London

Commander Roger Walker, RN, was in attendance.
The Duchess of Kent, as President, today presided at the Congregation of Awards Ceremony at the Royal Northern College of Music, Manchester, and this evening attended a Concert performed by the Symphony Orchestra. Her Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Greater Manchester (Colonel John Timmins).

Mrs Julian Tomkins was in THATCHED HOUSE LODGE December 13: Princess Alexandra was present this evening at concert given in aid of The Nev Bridge (a Charity creating links between the offender and the community) of which Her Royal Highness is Patron, at the Guards Chapel, London SW1.

Mrs Peter Afia was in

Baldry. MP. Parliamentar

Department of the Environ-ment, were the principal guests.

Under-Secretary of State at the

OBITUARIES

SIR IAN TRETHOWAN

Sir Ian Trethowan, who died on December 12 at the age of 68 after a long illness, was a prominent figure in British broadcasting. He was a managing director of BBC Radio and Television, served as director-general of the BBC from 1977 to 1982, and was deputy editor of ITN.

JAMES Ian Raley Trethowan was born at High Wycombe on October 20, 1922, the son of Major J. R. R. Trethowan, MBE, who between the wars wrote on amateur sport in the Sunday papers. He was sent to Christ's Hospital, leaving at 17 to work on the Daily Sketch. After further experience on the Eastern Daily Press he moved to the Yorkshire Post, which he rejoined in 1946 after five years in the Fleet Air Arm. He covered sport and then labour relations, but soon moved on to the Parliamentary Gallery and to the Lobby. In 1955 he went to the News Chronicle and also began to contribute to The Economist. In 1958 Geoffrey Cox recruited him to ITN as a newscaster, and he subsequently became political correspondent and deputy editor.

In 1963 he was offered a contract by BBC Television, and began to appear in such programmes as Westminster at Work. He was a respected interviewer and presenter competent, orderly, courteous, reliable. His political friends were mostly on the right, and when one of them became chairman of the BBC, he płucked Trethowan out of the performing ruck and made him managing director of radio.

Lord Hill's coup put one or two noses out of joint at the BBC and caused general surprise, in which Trethowan was modest and nice enough to share. When paraded for interview before the board of governors, he had had to confess that he had never been managerially responsible for more than about half a dozen people. It turned out to be a good appointment, and Trethowan was probably happier and more successful running radio than in anything he did later at the BBC.

He had been parachuted onto the bridge of a glum and mutinous ship. The cause was a not very elegant set of proposals called "Broadcasting in the Seventies" which aimed, as the unlovely jargon had it, to make radio more generic". There had been ritual complaints of a "lack of to say). There had been deend of civilisation as they knew it.

Much of the credit for getting the temperature down

listened to their views. Those who were not well disposed to him believed that he also listened to his friends in the Conservative party, and there was certainly one occasion when a specific political antipathy led to an editorial intervention which his staff

thought improper. When Huw Wheldon retired, as managing director of claims the BBC tradtionally television at the end of 1975, Trethowan was preferred to Alasdair Milne, then television's director of programmes. And when Sir and subscribed to its rather Charles Curran's term as Panglossian view of the director-general ended there corporation's place in the was no substantial internal competition. The board looked all one or two outsiders, but Trethowan's appointment to John Reith's chair was broadcasting was changing pretty much a foregone

conclusion. The conventional view is consultation" ("failure ade- that he was a good directorquately to consult really general. He was certainly meant failure to accept the more of a man of the world Curran or Milne. former Radio Doctor was later and that meant in part being open to the flabbiness of BBC better with politicians. He was bates in Parliament. There also, in one important respect. had even been a letter to The extremely lucky, which is that Times by a group of producers in Sir Michael Swann, later who saw in the new policy the Lord Swann, he had quite one of the best chairmen of the BBC since the war.

There is, however, another view, which is that he presided was Trethowan's. His style altogether too benignly and was political rather than man- passively over what should agerial. He moved around have been a period of en-Broadcasting House a lot, gineered change and retrenchinvited producers to dinner, ment. He is generally and

rightly given much of the way, a good companion credit for a renewal of the quietly convivial, fond of charter that left almost all of gossip, not against having a the powers and privileges of the BBC intact and for a licence fee settlement that exceeded expectations, but to university, though his natuthere are those who see those victories as pyrrhic. Trethowan never seems to

have questioned any of the makes for and about itself. Although he came late to its bureaucracy, he quickly mastered its distinctive rhetoric scheme of things. A mind trained to view things in a longer perspective might have seen that the world of and that it was unlikely that the BBC could continue in its rather grand ways. There is no evidence that he ever challenged the assumption of the inevitability of growth; no ience management; no evidence that he had any will to tackle the restrictive practices which were tolerated no less in broadcasting than in Fleet Street. It also seemed to some that the uncritical enthusiasm with which he embraced local radio seriously undermined BBC Radio's ability to do

pretty actress at his lunch parties. He was curiously sensitive about not having been ral qualities of mind allowed him to hold his own with colleagues who had been much more expensively educated. He was fond of cricket and devoted to the turf. -In 1979 he had a heart

attack. He retired from the BBC three years later. He was appointed chairman of the Horserace Betting Levy Board and of Thames Television. He also served as an independent director of The Times, as a member of the Committee on the Official Secrets Act and on the boards of the British Council and of Barclays bank. He was a trustee of the British Museum and of the Glyndebourne Arts Trust, and a governor of the Ditchley Foundation. He was, he told friends, enjoying himself enormously, and earning more money than he had ever done in his years in broadcasting. He was a member of the council of Wycombe Abbey Trethowan was twice mar-

ried. His first marriage was dissolved. In 1963 he married Carolyn Reynolds. They had three daughters, to whom he was devoted.

BORIS KOCHNO

tant to Serge Diaghiles for his on being joint director and bern in Moscow on January 3, 1904.

corded as being the writing of several libretti and two histories, but his work went further than that, From Serge Diaghilev, his first patron, Kochno learned how a layman of taste and experience could enhance the collaboration of composer, choreographer and designer. He applied that lesson to at least two masterpieces and a series of lesser ballets, which enjoyed success in their time.

Kochno was the son of an Army officer of Ukranian stock. He and his mother arrived as refugees in Paris in October 1920, and within a few weeks he contrived to meet Diaghilev, whose emigré Russian Ballet he already idolised from newspaper re-ports. Diaghilev talked to the 17-year-old boy, listened to his accounts of life in Russia, and engaged him immediately as secretary. Kochno received reward was the friendship of musicians. Kochno's first literary contribution to the Diaghilev repertoire was writing the lyrics, based on a Stravinsky's opera Mavra. Facheux (1924), Kochno director. wrote the libretti of nine ballets within five years. Nijinska, Massine and Balanchine were the choreogincluded Auric, Nabokov, Rouault and Tchelichev. The Prodigal Son was the greatest of them, but Les Matelots and Ode were also much admired. Diaghilev increasingly re-

lied on Kochno as his deputy. On Diaghilev's death in 1929, there were hopes that Kochno could continue the company, but they came to nothing thwarted, it is said, because

Boris Kochno, artistic assis- and principal dancer) insisted Russian Ballet, died on others were not prepared to December 8 aged 86. He was work with him. The failure to preserve the company was a source of regret to Kochno ever after. Lifar had already caused a scandal by throwing contribution to ballet is reduring Diaghilev's funeral and toppling them both into the

open grave. Kochno's next work was advising on the ballets for C. B. Cochran's 1930 Revue. When René Blum and Colonel de Basil formed a new Ballets Russes de Monte Carlo in . 1932, Kochno joined to write Cotillon for Balanchine and Jeux d'enfants for Massine,

both highly regarded. Kochno next joined with Balanchine in forming Les Ballets 1933, for which he commissioned scores from Milhaud and Sauguet; also, with financial help from the dilettante Edward James, he put on the Brecht/Weill Seven Deadly Sins.

Although he then became again for a time artistic adviser to the Monte Carlo company, Kochno's next im-portant contribution to ballet came only in 1945, when he his keep but no pay. His and Christian Berard (his greatest friend for 20 years the great man (but their until Bérard's death in 1949). relationship was apparently devised Les Forains, with platonic) and the chance to work with leading artists and made the reputation overnight another score by Sauguet. This of its brilliant young choreographer, Roland Petit, and led to the founding of Les Ballets de Champs-Elysées, which, for comic poem by Pushkin, for the rest of that decade, was in the forefront of international Thereafter, starting with Les bailet, with Kochno as artistic

Kochno's career was disturbed by his serious love of drinking. His greatest treasure was his Diaghilev archive, raphers, the composers assembled from Diaghilev's bequest, the generosity of Prokofiev and Sauguet, and artists with whom he worked, the designers Braque, Chirico, and his own habit of saving every scrap of paper which might be useful.

Kochno drew on this archive extensively when writing and illustrating his two large, superbly produced books, Le Ballet (1954) and Diaghilev et les Ballets Russes (1970); the latter was translated into English. The archive was bought in 1975 by the Serge Lifar (Diaghilev's lover French government.



Receptions

City and Guilds of London the Zaiwalla & Co (Solicitors) The Chairman, Mr H.M. Neal, and Council of the City and Guilds of London Institute were the hosts at a reception held last national participants in City and Guilds' technical education and training services.

British Atlantic Committee Mr David Griffiths, Chairman of the British Atlantic Committee, was host last night at a reception held at King's College London after the annual

Zaiwalia & Co (Solicitors) Mr Sarosh Zaiwalia and Mrs Zaiwalla received the guests at

ment, were the principal guests. Among others present were: Lord Justice Mestil, Lord Justice Shusham. Mr Justice Saville, Mr Gong Gengquan (First Secretary, Embassy of the People's Republic of China) with Mr Yu Zhizhong (Minister, Political Affairs) and Captain Shi Zhuanghual (First Secretary (Maritime); the Hon Michael Beloft, QC. Mr William Bleckburne, QC. Mr Charles Gray, QC. Mr Michael Colins, QC. Mr Authony Clark, QC. Mr Murray Pickaring, QC. Mr Robert Reid, QC. Mr Bernard Eder, QC. Mr Anthony Colman, QC. Mr Pirodua, Mr S P Hindula, Mr Altabh Bachchan and Captain Meternooch Khapotia.

Dinners

Royal Aeronautical Society
Dr C.E. Billings, from the NASA
Ames Research Centre, delivered the Wilbur and Orville
Wright memorial lecture to the
Royal Aeronautical Society of A Royal Aeronautical Society at Hamilton Place yesterday. Mr G.C. Howell, president of the society, was host at a dinner held afterwards and Mr L.A. Edwards also spoke. The guests

Air Crief Marshel Sir Nell and Lady Wheeler. Air Marshel Sir Barry and Lady Dindury. Air Marshel Sir Barry and Lady Dindury. Air Marshel Sir Frank and Lady Hokrovd. Sir Colin and Lady Pleting. Sir James Lighthill. Sir Richard Trent. Mr R H Evans. Coloned and Mrs C P Gerrison and Mr William

Company of The Plate Workers alies Wire Workers Mr Geoffrey Firth, Master of the Company of Tin Plate Workers alias Wire Workers, presided at the Christmas court dinner held last night at Ironmongers' Hall. Mr Derrick Willingham was the guest speaker and Mr Richard Bolton also spoke.

International Test Pilots School The International Test Pilots School, Cranfield, held its annual graduation dinner last night at Castle Ashby, Northampton. The principal guest was Mr Donald Spiers, CB, Controller Aircraft, Ministry of De-fence. Those graduating this

year were:

Mr Bengt Anderson (Sweden), Mr
Mikael Carisson (Sweden), Mr
Hindawan Hariowthowo (Indonesia),
Mr Lars Jenson (Sweden), Castain
Glenn Keys (Australia), Herr Manthel
Kuck (Germany), Major Jin Ho Lee
Koraa), Figott Lieutenant Weerawst
Pooyen (Thalland), Mr A. Toes
Santitoso (Indonesia), Mr Gideon
Singer (Sweden) and Major Dong Sun
Yeom (Korea).

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Birthdays today

gineering. 62; Mr Stan Smith, tennis player, 44; Miss Rose-mary Succliff, novelist, 70; Mr

Luncheon

Mr William Wilder, Presiden of the Consular Corps of London, was host at the annual Christmas luncheon held yes-terday at the Britannia Hotel. Vice-Admiral Edward Martin was the guest speaker and Mi Stanley Martin, First Assistant Marshal of the Diplomatic

Corps, was among others present.

Dr Karl Carstens, former president, the Federal Republic of Germany, 76; Professor Richard Cassilly, operatic tenor, 63; General Sir Desmond Fitz-patrick, 78; the Right Rev J.B.R. Grindrod, former Archbishop of Brisbane and Primate of Australia, 71; Sir Anthony Kershaw, former MP, 75; Miss Barbara Leigh-Hunt, actress, 55; Mr Robert Mitchell, former chair-man, GLC, 77; Mr C.R. Morris, former MP, 64; Mr Alberto Morrocco, painter, 73; Sir John Osborn, former MP, 68; Dame Buth Pailton founder, National Ruth Railton, founder, National Youth Orchestra, 75; Miss Lee Remick, actress, 55; Mr R.E.J. Roberts, chairman, Simon En-Simon Towneley, Lord Lieuten-ant of Lancashire, 69; Colonel Sir Cennydd Traherne, former Lord Lieutenant of Mid. South and West Glamorgan, 80; Miss Rosalyn Tureck, conductor, 76.

Consular Corps of London Dr A. Derek Kelly and of Mrs Yelva Kelly, of Fatfield, Co Durham, and Dianne, daughter of Mr John Gibson and the late

Forthcoming marriages annual Christmas reception held yesterday evening at 95a Mr J.N. Kelly and Miss C.F. Brett-Smith Chancery Lane, London, WC2. Baroness Flather and Mr Tony

and Miss J. Robinson
The engagement is announced between Philip, second son of Mr Robert Boulton, and of Mrs Patricia Beale, of Dittisham, Devon, and Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Robinson, of

Mr C.W.P. Bradfield and Miss J.M. Parker

The engagement is announced between Charles, son of the late Dr G.P. Bradfield and of Mrs R.H. Green, of Clyro, Hereford, and Judith, daughter of Mr and Mrs R.H. Parker, of Harley,

and Miss R.J. Packington

The engagement is announced between Paul, younger son of Mr and Mrs Peter Corbett, of Limpsfield, Surrey, and Ruth, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Colin Packington, of Woldingham, Surrey.

Mr R.H. Conningham and Miss A.A. Godwin-Anstea The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Licutenant-General Sir Hugh and Lady Cunningham, of Brickyard Farm, East Knoyle,

Salisbury, and Alice, daughter of Dr and Mrs Richard Godwin-Austen, of Papplewick Hall,

Dr J.M. Imms and Dr R.J. Plumpton The engagement is announced between Jeremy, younger son of Dr and Mrs Fred Imms, of Epsom, Surrey, and Rossmund, elder daughter of John and Lyn Plumpton, of Whitewoods, Buckland Filleigh, Devon.

Mr D.A. Josephs and Misa J. Morrison The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Josephs, and

Juliet, daughter of Mrs Angela Morrison and the late Mr Michael Morrison Mr A.D. Kelly and Mrs D.J. Beranek The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of the late

Mrs Anna Gibson, of Lothian, Scotland.

and Miss C.F. Brett-Smith
The engagement is announced
between James, only son of the
late Mr Lewis Eugene Kelly, and
Mrs Kelly, of Grossepointe,
Michigan, and Francesca,
daughter of the late Captain
R.N.B. Brett-Smith and of Lady
Beeley of Chelera Lorden

Becky, of Chelsea, Loudon. Mr P.F. Loble and Miss C.F. Levitt The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mr and Mrs George F. Loble, of Gosforth, Newcastle upon

Tyne, and Catherine, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Neil Levitt, of London, N2. Mr A. McAlpine

and Miss C. Hodgson The engagement is announced between Andrew William, only of the Hon Sir Willi son of the fron Sir William McAlpine, Bt, and Lady McAlpine, of Fawley Hill, near Henley-on-Thames, and Claire, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Frederick A. Hodgson, of Sheffield, Yorkshire.

Sub-Lieutenant Lord Montgomerie, RN and Miss S.A. Redpath The engagement is announced between Hugh, eldest son of the Earl and Countess of Estinton and Winton, of Hartley Wintney, Hampshire, and Alexandra, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Niel Redpath, of Fulham, London.

Mr T.C. Moore and Miss D.E. Burns

The engagement is announced between Trevor, son of Dr and Mrs S.R.W. Moore, of Skelton, York, and Diane, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Burns, of Bangor, Northern Ireland.

and Miss R.A. Fell The engagement is announced between Mark, only son of the late Mr R.H. Mugglestone, of Bessacarr, and of Mrs J. Webster, of Doncaster, and Ruth Anne, elder daughter of

Mr and Mrs J.A. Fell, of Northwood, Middlesex. Mr M.P. Pench and Miss A.M. Jenkins The engagement is announced between Mark, elder son of Sir Leonard and Lady Peach, of Wentworth, Surrey, and Ann, daughter of Mr and Mrs Gareth Jenkins, of Chalfont St Giles,

Buckinshamshire.

Mr M.D. Sheppard and Miss S.D.R. Hesketh The engagement is announced between Michael, son of the

some of the more substantial

things traditionally required

between Michael, son of the late Mr and Mrs C. Sheppard, of Dundee, and Sue, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs. H.R. Hesketh, of Ditcheat,

Mr N.W. Stade and Miss T.J. Mason The engagement is announced between Neil, younger son of Mr and Mrs Robin Slade, of Dauntsey, Wiltshire, and Kenya, and Tamsin, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Mason, of Bladon, Oxfordshire.

Marriages

Mr N.C.A.G. Francis Mr N.C.A.G. Francis and Miss J.A. Grayson
The marriage took place in London, on December 13, 1990, between Mr Nigel Francis, only son of Captain Alec Francis, of Malmesbury, Wiltshire, and Miss Julia Grayson, only daughter of Lieutenant Commander A.G.W. Grayson, RN (retd) and the late Mrs. RN (retd) and the late Mrs Grayson, of Guildford, Surrey.

Mr B. Tisdall and Mrs C. Duck The marriage between Brian Tisdall and Catherine Duck took place on Thursday, December 13, in London.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will be represented by the Princess of Wales at the vereign's Parade at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst at 10.15.

The Prince of Wales, as President of Business in the Community, will hear reports from business leaders at the Subterrania Club, North Kensington, at 10.30 on their visits to community initiatives throughout the UK. Princess Michael of Kent will open a bungalow in the grounds of St Rose's School, Stratford

Lawn, Stroud, at 6.30. Appointments

Latest appointments include: Mr John Hessell Tiltman to join the Royal Household as Deputy Director of Property

of public service broadcasting. He was, in his unassuming Impact on racing, page 31 Anniversaries BIRTHS: Tycho Brahe, astrono-

mer, Knudstrip, Denmark, 1546; James Bruce, explorer in Africa, Larbert, Central Scotland, 1730; Pierre de Cha-vannes, mural painter, Lyons, 1824; George VI, miser, Lyons, 1824; George VI, reigned 1936-52, York Cottage, Sandringham, 1895; Paul Eluard, poet, Paris,

DEATHS: Sir John Oldcastle,

DEATHS: Sir John Oldcastle, alkged heretic, "hung and burnt hanging", London, 1417; James V of Scotland, reigned 1513-42, Falkland, Fife. 1542; Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach, composer, Hamburg, 1788; George Washington, 1st president of the USA 1789-97, Washington, 1799; John Loudon, landscapegardener, London, 1843; Léon Faucher, statesman, Marseilles, 1854; Albert, Prince Consort, Windsor Castle, 1861; George Windsor Castle, 1861; George Hudson, the "railway king", London, 1871; Stanley Baldwin, 1st Earl Baldwin of Bewdley, prime minister 1923-24, 1924-29, 1935-37, Astley, Lancashire, 1947; Edward John Higgins, 3rd general of the Salvation Army 1929-34, New York, 1947; Will Fyfe, character comedian, St Andrews, 1947; Juho Kurti Passikivi, president of Finland 1946-56, Helsinki, 1956; Sir Stanley Spencer, painter, Taplow, Buckinghamshire,

Luddite riots began, 1811. Roald Amundsen reached the South Pole, 1911.

Harrow School

The Winter Term at Harrow School ended yesterday. Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother attended the 50th anniversary of Churchill Songs, which was celebrated on November 22 at the Albert Hall, and Lady Soames was the guest of honour. The Cock House match was won by Elmfield (Mr J.R. Beckett), who beat the Head Master's (Mr J.D.C. Vargas). Term starts on January 9, 1991, and the modernisation of Newlands House will begin in August,

Latymer Foundation at Hammersmith

Dr J. Edelman, CBE, DSc. ARCS, FI Biol, has been elected Chairman of Governors of the Latymer Foundation at Hammersmith and of Latymer or Kichard Body, scourge of big have greater information about the the Prevention of Accidents.

Crucial decision on successor to Dr Leonard

England will meet early next week to choose the next Bishop of London, to succeed

Dr Graham Leonard. Members of the Crown Appointments Commission will stay overnight in a religious house in southern England to select two names to send to the Prime Minister. The appointment is expected to be announced in the new

The commission's decision will be crucial for the church in the forthcoming decade of evangelism: London, the third most senior bishopric in the church, is widely regarded as the diocese with some of the deepest and most far-reaching problems to resolve.

Dr Leonard, aged 69, and one of the church's leading opponents of the ordination of women, retires when he reaches 70 next May. Evanpelicals are pressing for a strong character with the courage to tackle some of the diocese's more serious difficulties. Traditionalists would prefer an Angio-Catholic to balance with the liberal Dr John Habgood at York and the appointment of an evangelical, Dr George Carey, to Canterbury.

After the surprise choice of Dr Carey, church sources are reluctant to bet on a likely choice for London. The current phrase is "anything could happen". The Right Rev David Hope,

Bishop of Wakefield and a respected theologian, is a favourite among those brave enough to predict. Dr Hope would fit with the Catholic Upper School, in succession to tradition of the leadership of Bath and Wells, sool the late Mr J.F.G. Emms, FIA. the London diocese and its vacated by Dr Carey. tradition of the leadership of

By RUTH GLEDHILL RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS REPORTER SENIOR bishops, clergy and consistent opposition to worn-laymen in the Church of en's ordination, but he would under no conditions consider leaving the church if women's ordination went ahead. His arguments against women's ordination have not been the unexplained rhetoric of some of his more outspoken colleagues but have been rooted in carefully considered ecclesiological principles. His priority would be attempting to accommodate the diversity of views within a united

church.

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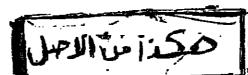
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WE HAVE reached that time of the year again - when everybody gives and goes to parties. And all over the country, twice as many people attend each function as are really wanted - the unwanted guests being the spouses or part-ners of the "real" invitees.

For some reason, it is assumed that invitations to any social gathering - even if it is to do with work - must include the current partner of each named guest.

Thus, standard invitations read "Jane and guest" - if the hosts know Jane is living with/married to somebody but have no idea whom, or "Jane and Tim" if they do know. The fact that the hosts may never have met "and guest" or Tim is beside the point. Consequently, for every 25 "real" people invited, 50 have to come.

Why can't hosts, when issuing invitations, just ask the people they want? In so many cases, the "and guests" will not enjoy the occasion anyway, as they know nobody there. Often, the spouse or partner will merely clog up the conversation, make the whole occasion more expensive, and prevent the hosts inviting many people they would really like.

We have all been to parties where we have been painfully stuck with the spouse of a friend or colleague with whom we feel we

must make polite conversation. There is the danger, of course, that the invitee will refuse to come unless the partner is included. Things have got so bad that if somebody we know is married, but persistently attends social



gatherings alone, we tend to imagine something is wrong with the relationship

People are not accessories, appendages, supports, but individ-uals. We are all capable of attending social functions on our own - or should be. Why drag somebody along who is going to get nothing out of the evening?

guests" now being invited to social gatherings out of misguided and outdated politeness is: never go to any function unless you are attending as somebody in your own right. If you do not want to go, have the confidence to refuse. We must liberate ourselves from this stultifying, compulsory coupledom.

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Bringing the new men to book

The tug of war between machos and softies is dominating German dinner parties, talk shows and best-seller lists. Anne McElvoy reports

f you want to peer into the soul of a nation, take a look at its best-seller list. The two topics dominating conversation in these early pan-German days, from the pub in darkest Bavaria to the most sophisticated of Berlin dinner parties, are unification and the new man. These are also the topics making the publishers' hearts beat faster, as they effortlessly quell all com-petition for the reading public's

Television presenter Franz Alt's Jesus, The First New Man has topped the list for the best part of a year, ousted only by the chan-cellor, Helmut Kohl's, exegesis on the new Germany's relations with its neighbours. Nobody has yet published the neuer Mann's views on unification, but they cannot be long in coming: his views have been elicited on just

about everything else. Scarcely an evening passes without some whether the German male is a macho or a softy. The sudden heightening of the debate suggests that the argument is really an Ersatz for the one raging subliminally in the new Germany - is gentle giant, or slumbering blond

At number eight in the literary Bundesis Leave Men Alone At Last and, snapping at its heels, When Men Learn To Love. Squawking in the second division is Man: You're The Greatest. There is, publishers cheerfully assure us, more of the same to come.

Uwe Schmidt, the editor of the publishing journal Buchreport, says the argument over whether the

new German man is the stuff of the future or a mere changeling, conceived in the alembic of authorial imagination, is the new preoccupation of the chattering classes. "People have had enough of feminist literature and lengthy discussions of the female state," he says. "First there was one book on the subject of being a modern male, which we took for a one-off, but suddenly there were dozens."

Seven years have passed since the Ina Deter Band topped the Teutonic charts with the plaintive cry of modern German womanhood: "Neue Manner Braucht das Land" ("New Men Are What This Country Needs"). Now there is a glut of them, as thick on the bookshelves and talk shows as they are thin on the ground in daily life. Herr Kohl verges on a caricature of the traditional German male: his advisers and friends are exclusively men, and he cheerfully admitted that his way of relaxing in the recent gruelling election campaign was "a few beers and a good meal with old mates in a pub". There is always a woman in his cabinet, and she is always responsible for family affairs. His wife, Hannelore, is petite, smiling and mute. Oskar Lafontaine, the

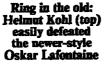
quished Social Democrat candidate, is, by contrast, a passionate and expert cook and devotes much time and attention to the interior design of his apartment. He is twice married and now has a peroxided career-woman girlfriend, who disdains the role of second lady. If Herr Lafontaine embodies Germany's modern, unburdened, free-thinking image, Herr Kohl represents the industrious conservatism which underpins it. When it came to the battle of the ballotbox rather than the image, he won hands down.

But the new man continues to march victorious into the temples of tradition. Herr Alt, a popular television presenter who doubles as a popular theologian, says he calls Jesus the first new man because he did not repress the feminine side of his nature. That is

why women 2,000 years ago were crazy about him," he says.
"If you read the Bible you see that he was constantly surrounded by women and regarded them as equals, as spiritual partners. This is the conduct I would aspire to as a modern

Herr Alt is a silverhaired, bespectacled and authoritative figure, who bears the string of -ologies after his name one needs to rise in the German media firmament. Nettled by the suggestion that his presentation of Jesus has more to do with publishing trends than theology, he says: "I am not interested in the fashionable tug of war between machos and softies. I represent talking about a new

approach to theology,



reclaiming religion from male domination, and rediscovering the feminine principle in Jesus' teachings." He points to the success of his book as proof of a need in Germany to re-evaluate religion from a woman's point of view, to feminise theology".

if Joachim Bürger hears one more word about a woman's point of view he will run amok in protest, he says. He has already done so in print with his polemic Man, You're the Greatest. He describes himself as "Germany's first chauvinist", and bemoans the marginalising of men in Germany

by the women's movement For him, new manhood is nothing more than dinner-party chatter turned publishing coup. "Germany's men are under constant attack from women. Their instincts are attacked as repressive. The German male is not allowed to be true to his nature qua man." This he defines as a strong desire to dominate, motivated by sexual instinct rather than intellectual equality topped by the wish to "screw and not have to talk about it"

Herr Bürger's argument has roused Germany's feminists to arms. After one particularly eventful talk show, in which he announced that the historical hour of



Image of his fatherland: is the new German man, like his recently unified country, a gentle giant or a slumbering blond beast?

men's liberation had arrived and that he would "cleanse the putrid German air of the emancipation fug", most eminent women refuse to appear with him.

He sees the outbreak of new manhood as a feminine conspiracy to undermine men further. He has the commercial sense to present his arguments as daringly new. In fact, they are culled from the meanderings of the 19th century philosopher Schopenhauer, an early anti-feminist who described women as "wily parasites" who subdue men through marriage. "They want to break us down, make us more like them. rails Herr Bürger.

espite his claims to have his opposition to the new man, the genre is thriving in west Germany. On the streets of any city, young men in bright scarves and ponytails can be seen shepherding small children about with unveiled pride in their responsible parenting.

In former east Germany, however, they are less convinced by this newfangled role integration. Katrin Enke, a research psychology student in east Berlin, says the new man stops where the former border began. "The new man for us is an import: the chap you see in western adverts, young, dynamic and successful with a baby in his arms - everything fits neatly together, with no conflicts or inadequacies. In the east that is plain impossible: they are too worried about their jobs or their rents. The image is one of confident harmony, but in a society as

For now, the talk in the east is of salaries, the dream BMW, the first holiday in the Mediterranean. Some time in the early 21st century, no doubt, the catching-up will be complete and the new man will conquer the east — and its best-seller list.

IS THE WRITING ON THE WALL FOR BRITISH MANHOOD? IN THE UK the two bestselling non-fiction books at the moment are both, in their own way, sociological studies of the interaction between the sexes;

but neither The Trials of Life nor Viz V: The Spunky Parts quite fit the German trend. Could the new man cross the Channel? Ion Trewin, the editorial director of Hodder & Stoughton, is doubtful: "Although 1992 is just around the corner, and we're even joined by a tunnel, in matters of taste we're a millennium apart. Best-sellers rarely cross borders. In fiction Umberto Eco does it; in non-

fiction Martin Luther did it,

but that's about all." In the view of Tom Rosenthal, the chairman and managing director of André Deutsch, books on the new man and his "baby-friendly" sensitivity are more to the taste of our New World cousins. Americans have the money and the leisure hours in which to gaze at their navels - it's not a

British occupation, thank According to Carmen Callil of Chatto & Windus, "British men have too much of a sense of irony to read such rubbish' And that, in the view of the literary agent Giles Gordon. includes the ones who know which end to pin the nappy. First a father a generation ago, Mr Gordon and his second wife are expecting a baby in February. "I'm going to be a million times more involved with the upbringing of this child, but the change has been subversive. We might be behaving more like new men in private, but we

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Publishers here have mixed feelings about leaping on the 'new man' bandwagon

Mr Gordon admits to reading magazine articles about the domesticated male. Judith Palmer, from the Women's Press, says: "The new man has had a lot of exposure in women's mags, on Radio 4's Woman's Hour and in the women's pages of newspapers. Men can buy a paper or a magazine, and they don't have to show what they're reading. Maybe they're too scared to buy a book on the subject."

Would anyone buy such a book? "Six hundred men might go against the grain and buy it," says the literary agent Ed Victor. "But not 6,000 or 60,000. Women might buy it to get a glimpse of Utopia." Frankly, he adds, they would be better off reading Margaret Atwood, "If I were 22 and having babies I might be interested in a book on how to create a new man," says the literary agent Carol Smith, although she adds that if she were 22 and having babies, she would not have any money to spend on books

about new men.

Anne McDermid from the
Curtis Brown literary agency,

'We don't want an ideology. I don't want a book, I want paternity leave'

however, thinks there is a market for "a well-written, well-produced male version of The Female Eunuch — bought by women to read out to their men". Most baby books are bought for, rather than by, prospective parents, and the same problem applies to the proposed new man-uals - if your man is a new man, he does not need to read one, and if he is not, then it will not make much difference. If he thinks he is but is not really, things are even worse - you might as well buy him How to be a Marginally Better Lover, a Specially Written Guide for People who are

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Absolutely No Good in Bed At All. Only Virago has tried to publish any sort of new man book, Earlier this year it launched Lynne Segal's Slow Motion: Changing Masculinities, Changing Men. "There is a market for books aimed at thinking people," says Meryl Futerman, a Virago spokeswoman. "This book is selling very well, and both men and women are buying it. It's not an academic book, but nor is it really mainstream."

Mr Trewin believes it is well-nigh impossible to gauge a demand. "Ask people what they'd like to be invented and you're met with blank faces. Go ahead and invent the microwave, and they love it. It's quite possible that there might, be thousands of prospective new men out there champing at the bit, waiting for such a book, but I wouldn't bet my shirt on it." Ms Callil would not bet so much as a button on it. "I don't think there's a market for books on the new man, and that's probably because they

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Erica De'Ath, a 47-year-old mother and stepmother who takes over as director of the association next month, says many calls are precipitated by problems which "ordinary" families experience at Christmas - "the difference is that one can become particularly irked by an outsider's habits".

Nearly 80 per cent of the calls are from stepmothers. Few stepchildren ring, possibly because they are not aware of the service. The association hopes to fill this gap shortly with a new magazine, Stepladder. A pilot sample has been sent to schools in the Midlands, the southwest and London.

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ince the Van Gogh cen-tenary year was inaugurated so splendidly at the Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam, it is fitting that it should go out the same way. In fact the current show, Van Gogh and Modern Art (1890-1914), is not quite the end for Amsterdam: like American viewers who al-ready know how Twin Peaks ends, Britons can for once steal a march on the Dutch by seeing The Age of Van Gogh in Glasgow (reviewed in these columns on November 16), while Amsterdam has to wait until early next year to see it. In any case, it is appropriate that the two shows should be closely allied: the show currently in Glasgow explains illuminatingly where Van Gogh came from, while the show now in Amsterdam gives us an even more dazzling indication of where his art led

When the "wild men" painters who cheerfully accepted the label "Fauve" burst upon the scene in France in the early 1900s, with their strong, violent, often quite unrealistic colours, nobody seemed to realise exactly where their antecedents lay. Similarly with the early German Expressionists of Die Brücke and the Blane Reiter, doing much the same thing at the same time without any apparent possibility

The answer, it is now clear, lies in Van Gogh: their common origin. It took about a decade for his effect to be felt, because while his influence is unmistakable on friends and contemporaries such as Gauguin, his obscurity in his own lifetime obviously militated against immediate wider acceptance of his ideas on art.

One good thing about Van Gogh and Modern Art is that it documents carefully the ways that influence did spread. The organi-sers have found out exactly which pictures by Van Gogh were shown where, and which ones later painters saw before they went and did likewise. When, for example, a group of paintings of the artist's bedroom in radiant colour are shown together, it is more than a coincidence. Chapter and verse are given for the availability of Van Gogh's Arles painting to Kandinsky, Derain and others at the time they were painting their own variations on it.

Some unexpected painters turn



One of the various pictures showing Van Gogh's bedroom in Arles, which has inspired artists like Kandinsky and Derain

sophical paintings of the Arles period, which left them free to have expected Max Ernst, remembered primarily as a Dadaist/ Surrealist, to belong here? But a experiment with wayward colour glance at his early "Landscape with Sun" of 1909 is enough to within a balanced, almost classical framework. The Germans leaned establish a strong link. The self-portrait of the Russo-German rather towards the explosive, neurotic style of the final works from Alexei Jawlensky (of around 1904) Saint-Remy and Auvers, which almost looks more like a Van accorded better with the torments Gogh than the neighbouring Van Gogh portraits do. Could Jawlenof the Germanic soul and naturally gave early Expressionism a sky possibly have known Van Gogh's Paris self-portraits, which offer closer parallels than anything in the show? And yet there is little very different flavour from the decorative gaiety of the Fauves. The Dutch, of a slightly

later generation than is or no servile imitation. covered in The Age of As the show's organisers reason-Van Gogh, are more diffi-cult to classify: painters like early ably observe, in all probability Van Gogh himself would have been horrified at what later com-Mondrian and his too-littleers made of his mannerisms, known fellows Shuyters and Gestel appropriated frequently with no achieved a fusion of intense regard at all for the rationale emotion and blinding colour behind them. But on the other which is neither gaudy nor hand, many of the most fruitful influences in art history have Van Gogh is, in a sense, the

come from such misundermost important Dutch painter standings and misapplications. National temperament also has that got away. If thoughts turn to the other paintings that got away, Great Dutck Paintings from something to do with it. The America, the show at the French on the whole learned more

vides material enough to alarm and frustrate any true-born Dutchman. That is not, of course, its sole tion was suddenly recognised as one of Rembrandt's supreme intention: politeness, at least,

generosity of the numerous museums and private collectors who have allowed these treasures to return, temporarily, to their place of birth. Nor is it entirely the fault of the mighty dollar. The prefatory material discusses a number of specifics: who the collectors were, who the dealers were who helped to create and then catered for the taste in Dutch painting, and the precise history of how some world-famous paintings not in the show made their way to America.

requires a warm salute to the

Curiously, the great Dutch scholar Bredius himself owned Vermeer's "Allegory of Faith", but considered its subject "unpleasant" and did not think it worth keeping in Holland-And there is a certain amount of inverted sour grapes: is there no irony in the observation that Armand Hammer's unappetising Rembrandt "Juno" was not so long ago overlooked in auction to reach its rebut after its much-publicised acquisition for the Hammer Collec-

The probability is that Holland would still like to possess a number of the paintings in the show. But considering how many overwhelmingly famous Dutch Old Masters are still in Holland, there might also be something to be said for cultural interchange and the civilising influence of exported art on nations that

import it. The main practical thing to be said against this scattering of Dutch painting is that anyone wishing to see all 68 of the works in this show would normally have to travel far and wide in order to do so. But even that can be remedied, at least temporarily: it is what the great international loan shows like this are for.

Van Gogh and Moders Art. Van Gogh Museum, Amsterdam (31 20 5705200) until Feb 18. Great Dutch Paintings from Amer-ica. Mauritshuis, The Hague (31 70 3618888) until Jan 13.

A London first before the fall

BRIEFING

ARTHUR Miller is putting his art where his mouth is. He has long professed a love of Britain and our theatres, and now that he has written a new play at long last, he has chosen London for its premiere. The Ride Down Mount Morgan is to be produced by Robert Fox in the West End next summer. Michael Blakemore, who directed the successful National Theatre production of Miller's After the Fall earlier this year, is to

Meanwhile, what next for Josette Simon, the actress who won a major award for her extraordinary performance as Marilyn Monroe in After the Fall? Plans are reportedly afoot to bring her to the West End as Eliza Doolittle in Shaw's Pygmalion,

Trial run

ANTHONY Sher is returning to the National Theatre for the first time in a decade, starring in Steven Berkoff's The Trial, opening on March 5 at the Lyttelton. Sher has a leading role as the bank clerk Joseph K in the play, which was adapted from Kafka and first staged in London in 1970. The new production marks the actor's return to the South Bank following a string of successes with the Royal Shakespeare Company. He last appeared at the National in Sam Shepard's True West.

Czech cash crisis

CZECHOSLOVAKIA is learning the lessons of capitalism the hard way, as the experience of Vaclay Marhoul shows. At only 30 years of age. Marhoul is the first man under 50 to head the state-owned Barrandov Studios in two decades. His first action, however, has been to deliver redundancy notices to 2,100 of the studios' employees. The studios, which were the first home to such Czech tirectors as Milos Forman and Jiri Menzel, are facing their worst financial crisis ever. Marhoul is determined to boost the studios' profitability by attracting more foreign productions. Steven Soderbergh (Sex, Lies and Videotape) is shooting Kafka there, while Andrew Lloyd Webber's

screen version of Phantom of the Opera is almost certain to be filmed there next June.

Sitting pretty

THE latest in a series of portraits of famous Scots will be unveiled today at the Scottish National Portrait Gallery. The venerable historian and chronicler of the crusades, Sir Steven Runciman, has sat for the Glaswegian artist, Stephen Conroy. Conroy's burnished, Edwardian-looking figure groups were a succès fou when exhibited at the Marlborough Gallery last year, but whether his glossy style does justice to the subject's remarkable Maughamesque features remains to be seen. Earlier commissions - a bland Muriel Spark by Alexander Moffat and an almost invisible Jo Grimond by Patrick Heron among them - present weak competition.

Well-seasoned fare FOLLOWING its successful

musical extravaganza, "Music for Life", last May, the Aids charity Crusaid is about to tap the seasonal spirit with a rather more modest event, at the Purceil Room tomorrow, called "A Christmas Box for Crusaid". The music theatre group, Wordplay, promises a "sackful of seasonal delights", with words by Laurie Lee, John Betjeman, Thomas Hardy and John Osborne, along with songs by composers as diverse as Vaughan Williams and Tom Lehrer. The artists include actors Gordon Dulieu and Susan Edmonstone, pianists Stephen Coombs and Geoffrey Parsons, and singers Pamela Kuhn, Janine Roebuck, Mark Padmore and Stephen Roberts,

Last chance \dots

THE eponymous heroine of Etta Jenks follows the route of the Hollywood hopefuls of 70 years ago and arrives in Los Angeles keen for fame and fortune. But this is 1990 and the way to wealth lies through porno films and takes in murder. At the Royal Court Theatre, Miranda Richardson gives Marlane Meyer's heroine the rage of a frustrated thespian who is never going to win an Oscar, until they bring in a category for snuff movies. The play ends on Monday (071-730 1745).



FEW caricaturists have the ability to produce recognisable exaggerations and at the same time retain a feeling of affection for their subjects. Emmwood (aka John Musgrave-Wood), who penned the above caricature of Margaret Rutherford as Lady Wishfort in The Way of the World, is one of that small band. His theatrical caricatures enlivened the pages of Tatler and Bystander regularly between 1948 and 1954. Along with his work of that period, a current exhibition shows the more straightforward visual gags of Alex Graham, which appeared in Tatler between 1946 and 1953. He now supplies the Daily Mail with the Fred Bassett saga. Both caricaturists' works are on show until December 23 at Frost and Reed, 116 Old Bond Street, London W1.

GALLERIES: SCOTLAND



Artist with something to say: Howard Hodgkin with his 1984-87 work, Autumn Lake

Small works of wisdom

s if to subvert the dreich, spirit-numbing gloom of winter in the Athens of the North, the British Council's Howard Hodgkin exhibition - a festa of brilliant colour - has arrived at the Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art. The spacious ground floor of the gallery has been almost entirely assigned to the artist, and a good third of the permanent collection evicted. It was a generous curatorial decision, but one which, in the event, has been fully justified: Hodgkin's work needs plenty of room to breathe and be

appreciated en masse. After the gigantic dimensions, otiose rhetoric and trivial ambition of so much post-war painting, Hodgkin's concentrated visual language, and the small scale he favours, come as a shock. Here is an artist with something significant to say and, more impressively, one who struggles until he has determined the most cogent form in which to express it. He, too - like that growing army of woolly-minded, profligate daubers - is contributing towards Windsor and Newton's profits, but one senses that he applies his Digment with as much care and respect as he organises the brushmarks upon which the structure of all his pictures depends. The long acstation period of each work

returns dividends in intensity. Hodgkin tackles only one subject and that is the only subject any artist worth his salt should be bothered with: his own experience. Yet this is not exclusively Greven primarily - the plethors of Andrew Gibbon

Williams reviews the intellectually

stimulating abstracts of Howard Hodgkin

painting. Rather, it is a recollection of the most transient of emotions in tranquillity. The meaningful titles - "Waking in "Haven't We Met?" amplify his intent; a more difficult thing for which to invent metaphors in colour and shape is hard

If this skimpy analysis of the artist's motivation sounds offputtingly cerebral, then the real impact of the pictures themselves (alas, Hodgkin's work lends itself less easily to description than most!) would allay any fear that Hodgkin is, first and foremost, an intellectually demanding painter. His pictures are approachable, and almost insistently alluring. Colour is his chief card and the deft way he plays it proves that he has as sure a grasp of the mood-evoking potential of chromatic juxtapositions as any artist in England: great stabs of primaries reverberate off the picture plane like plangeant chords from a full orchestra in "Goodbye to the Bay

of Naples". In this area of formal expertise Hodgkin is hard to fault. But when it comes to the relationship between his compositional solutions them, then he is occasionally on shakier ground. In a picture (one hesitates to call it a portrait) of the gastronome Paul Levy, a substantial border of improvised splodges is a rare descent into irrelevant decoration which short-circuits the latent power of the image.

The superficial attractiveness of Hodgkin certainly does not derive from any serious decorative impulse. Even when he is performing more succinctly and effectively. however, the superficial abstract look of his pictures disguises the acute subjectivity which is their essence. Sometimes it is more "readable" than others. In two pictures from the early Eighties, for example, "Sleeping Figure" and "Waking up in Naples", what look like very urgent, single brushstrokes clearly indicate silhouettes of nudes, evidence of

an eroticism which informs much of the work. Howard Hodgkin has, of course, been embraced over the past decade by our artistic establishment. A part trustee of both the Tate and National Galleries, our 1984 representative at the Venice Biennale and winner of the Turner Prize a year later, he has certainly not been overlooked. But even our honoured prophets need periodic reappraisal. Five years have passed since Hodgkin's last major retrospective at the Whitechapel; the evidence of his activity in the interim on show in Edinburgh, further augments his stature.

Howard Hodgkin 1975-1989 is on show at the Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art, Edinburgh

RECORDS: JAZZ AND ROCK

Organised soul

(Enja 6050) Johnny Hod Johnny Hodges/Wild Bill Devis: In A Mellotone (RCA/Bluebird

Jammy Smith: Cool Blues (Blue Note CDP7-84441)

THREE cheers for the return of the Hammond organ. Despised for most of its short life, the instrument was once thought to bave been killed off by the arrival of modern electronic keyboards. In fact, thanks in part to the revival of interest in soul jazz, the organ is still making its inimitable noise on countless dancefloors.

Most of the leading exponents belong to America's "grits'n' gravy" school, The German player Barbara Dennerlein is carving out ber own niche. While steeped in the elements of rhythm and blues, she uses the heavy organ phrases as the platform for improvisation that extends beyond the call-andresponse routines.

The spontaneity of her last album, Straight Ahead!, took everyone by surprise. On Hot Stuff she has refined the formula, staying with a quartet but replacing the trombone of Ray Anderson with Andy Sheppard's saxophone. Besides taking her back to the archetypal soul jazz lineup, the adjustment gives Dennerlein a hugely expanded canvas. Anderson, for all his virtuosity, cannot match a reed player in full flow. Another Briton, Mark Mondesir, is drafted in on the drums, while Mitch Watkins remains in place on guitar, twisting rock figures

into fresh shapes. The rough-hewn texture of the organ is a sure safeguard against blandness. One of the few occasions where Dennerlein loses her way is the cover version of "Seven Steps To Heaven". The Hammond's elephantine progress through the theme makes for painful listening.

Traditionalists will undoubtedly detest the whole project. They can at least retreat into the arms of Johnny Hodges and the organ pioneer Wild Bill Davis. A re-issue of a 1966 sexuet date in Atlantic City, the album offers warmth. reassurance and absolutely no surprises. If he was sometimes content to recycle past glories towards the end of his tenure with Ellington, Hodges was an unfailingly eloquent player in small groups. This album is no exception, though it has to be said that there is a wider range of material on last year's Compact Jazz compilation from Verve.

The best music is often the simplest. Jimmy Smith gives a 9/ 3. Cabrat | COMPLED BY PETER DEAR AND KARI KNIGHT

Small's Paradise club in Harlem in 1958. Smith had already made a recording there the previous year. This second date has only just emerged from the vaults. The bludgeoning organ technique has its detractors, of course, but there is no denying the vibrancy of Smith in full swing. The late Art Blakey - a special guest on the night - gives the saxophonists Lou Donaldson and Tina Brooks all the encouragement they need.

CLIVE DAVIS

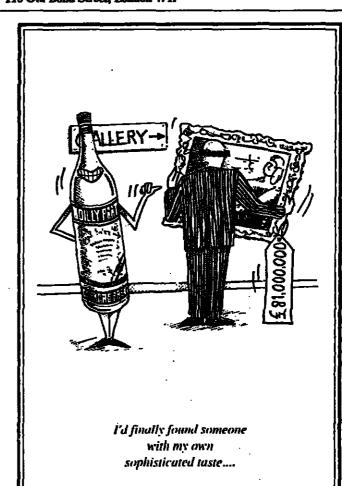
Malcolm McLaren: Round the Outside! Round the Outside! (Virgin CDV2646) Enigma: MCMXCa.D. (Virgin CDVIR1)

WHAT is a man of ideas to do when the ideas run out? In the case of Malcohn McLaren, notorious Svengali, once manager of the Sex Pistols and now a recording artist in his own right, the last resort is recycling. As ever, his involvement in the project is ambiguous; Malcolm McLaren Presents The World Famous Supreme Team is the full blown credit and that, in itself, takes some explaining.

The original Team was first heard by McLaren when it hosted rap and request shows on a small public access radio station in New Jersey. Drafted in for McLaren's Duck Rock album in 1983, TWFST achieved world fame briefly and then disappeared. Now the name has been resurrected, albeit with new personnel.

Although Duck Rock caught the public imagination to some de-gree, McLaren's later obsessions have failed to ignite much interest. Round the Outside! has opera with drum machines, Shakespeare with rap (and drum machines) and Garcia Lorca with drum machines. Additionally, it has "Buffalo Gals", McLaren's first hit single, remixed to detrimental effect; the abiding impression is of a short record revolving for all

Opera also appears fleetingly on Enigma's Euro-ambient dance album (the categories become more convoluted with each passing month), as does Gregorian chant, the inevitable digital samples of Japanese flutes and the shuffling drum-machine rhythm frequently described, for shorthand reference, as the Soul II Soul beat. Unfortunately, given the potential of this bizarre mixture, the novelty is exhausted within a few minutes, leaving little material with which to fill the remaining tracks.





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Delightfully messing about

AND A THE ATTERNATION The Wind in the Willows Olivier

DO NOT worry if, with me, you tend to resist carol-singing mites dressed as field-mice, or grown actors with bobtails and long ears popping brightly from holes. Terminal cuteness did not set in last night at the National, thanks partly to Nicholas Hytner's relaxed, humorous cast and partly to an adaptation by Alan Bennett that, as it happens, remains remarkably faithful to Kenneth Grahame's original. Believe it or not, there is even a cursory version of the chapter I always skipped as a boy, Rat and Mole's encounter with the Great God Pan.

Morever, Hytner and his designer, Mark Thompson, have made ampler and more inventive use of the great Olivier stage than anyone so far. At its centre is what looks like a slice of golf course. complete with shaved knolls, and surrounded by a blue ribbon that can pass as a river, a road, a railway track. Round and round goes this little island, allowing a boat, Toad's yellow caravan and red car, and even a splendid steam loco to make their entrances. Then up it rises, its innards becoming the fake ship's galley which Rat makes his home or the bookshop Badger quaintly inhabits.

Nor is that all. Suddenly silver trees glide down from the flies, to form a ghostly wood for Mole to get lost in. A huge wall looms at the back, a plausible prison for the

THEATRE

Taking Steps/Callisto 5

Stephen Joseph,

Scarborough

ALAN Ayckbourn is said to have

been less than thrilled by the

London staging of Taking Steps

ten years ago. In those days his

plays were handed over to other

directors for the West End, pre-

sumably on the patronising

grounds that his own productions

might pass in Scarborough but

hardly in Shaftesbury Avenue. It

would be interesting to learn how

many of his plays he feels were

significantly improved by the

transfer from the intimacy of the

Scarborough staging in the round

and by the replacement of the

His own antennae as a director

are so sensitive, his understanding

of his characters (and how to

encourage actors how to present them) so acute, that he has become

the very rare exception to the rule

that an author should never be

DAVCE

La Bayadère

Covent Garden

AT THE Royal Ballet's first

performance of one scene from La

Nureyev almost came a cropper in

his solo, so Stuart Cassidy need

not take it too hard that he

stumbled at almost the same point

during his debut as Solor on

Wednesday. Apart from that,

things went well for him: con-

fident acting, zestful dancing, and

a good rapport with Lesley Col-

lier's Nikiya. His big solo could

gain from a little more weight in

the middle section to contrast with

the flights of aerial steps which

begin and end it, but it would have

seemed incredible a quarter cen-

tury ago that the Royal's dancers

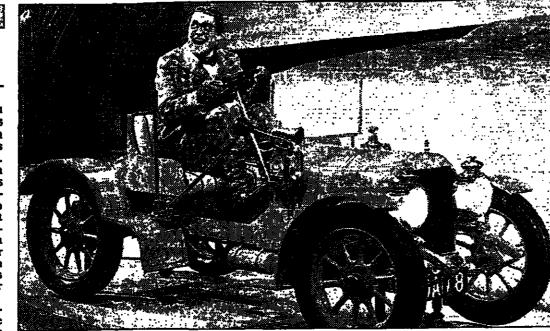
would come to take this role so

soaring strength were present in

The supple weight as well as

Bayadère back in 1963, Rudolf

original players by starrier casts.



Felonious roadhog: Griff Rhys Jones as Toad in the National Theatre's The Wind in the Willows

felonious roadhog Toad. Indeed, so impressive is the scenery that it becomes artistically dangerous. Surely it must distract the audience from the story?

That does not happen. On the contrary, the evening never loses either its narrative clarity or, thanks to the menacing presence of mafiosi weasels in brown overcoats and co-respondent shoes, its dramatic tension. Bennett is even able to inject the odd sly joke for the adults without bewildering the tots. For instance, Toad hoodwinks Rat into thinking him ill by repeating the syphilitic Oswald's cry from Ghosts, "give me the

allowed within a hundred miles of

For the revival he has long

promised himself, Ayckbourn has

brought in a star, in the meaty

person of Michael Gambon. He

plays the wealthy bucket merchant

whose house, reputedly haunted,

is the scene of three levels of cross

nurooses, in sitting room, master

bedroom and attic. With typical

Ayckbourn ingenuity, all three

rooms are represented on the same

ground plan, so that Roland

Crabbe (Gambon) can be down-

stairs pressing tumblers of neat

scotch on Tristram, his timorous

young solicitor (Adam Godley)

while his wife (Elizabeth Bell)

strides between them but remains

unnoticed, because she is actually

Meanwhile, in the attic, the ex-

fiancée (Claire Skinner) of Mrs

Crabbe's brother, bored out of his

mind with his dreary plans for

their future, is also pacing within

inches of the others. But if one of

them does hear her - and it is

usually Tristram, nervously listen-

ing out for ghosts - he will look

Irek Mukhamedov's performance

he partnered Altynai Asylmura-

tova as Nikiya and Sylvie Guillem

as her rival, Gamzatti. There is

not a trio in the world to match

this constellation. An excited

her from Leningrad?

been made more convincing.

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene. Chess Correspondent

on the floor above.

varied his usual practice and

his own plays.

sun". You could think Ibsen a patent medicine, and still get the

Perhaps there is less laughter than might have been predicted, given that Griff Rhys Jones plays Toad. I hope he will not mind me saving he looks the part, with his big, floppy face and twisted pout, as well as his green-check plusfours. He preens and gurgles pretty satisfactorily, too. But Toad is as majestic a braggart as literature offers, Parolles and Pistol not excluded. Jones has not yet the size and ebullience the part needs. Never mind. Richard Briers is a

fine Rat, with his yachtsman's

evening, a treat for anyone. BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

blazer and Terry-Thomas drawl,

not to mention the tail he embar-

Bamber a flustered Mancunian

Mole: and Michael Bryant every-

one's gruff, kindly uncle as Badger,

notwithstanding a hair-do better

suited to a punk zebra. Add

Terence Rigby as a horse that

might be Bennett's parody of one

of the sad, seedy humans who

haunt his own drama - "I don't

mind sunrise or sunset, it's what's

in between that depresses me" -

and the result is a delightful

edly hides in a pocket; David

up at his ceiling and not at her noisy feet a floor or two away though right beside his own. There is rather less of this non-

confrontational humour than might be expected. No one vells for somebody standing only a hair's-breadth away. So in developing further the double dinnertable idea of How the Other Half Loves, Ayckbourn seems more intent on seeing how boldly he can knead the dough of conventional staging and still take his audience with him. Of course he succeeds triumphantly, creating also a depth of plotting impossible to achieve so economically any other

The comedy is not an Ayckbourn pièce noire, but it contains a heartfelt declaration that we should not let other people plan our lives for their benefit. This comes in a charmingly unexpected love-scene between the tonguetied ex-fiancée and the hitherto tongue-tied Tristram, a role to which Godley gives beautifully genuine emotions of politeness, panic and moral fervour.

The dental difficulties that aff-

lict Gambon's immensely civil Crabbe, unembarrassedly dealt with by regular labial upheaval, is just the sort of detail that makes an Ayckbourn character recognisable, comic and endearing.

Such details are not frequent enough in his new children's play, Callisto 5, set on a space station on a moon of Jupiter where 17-yearold Jem (Simon Cox) lives alone with a robot babyminder - Nigel Anthony in lead-weighted gumboots and brillo-pad hair. Jem's parents are briefly seen on the video screen talking about the importance of caring, but they have left him for eight years with a robot programmed to treat him as an infant. There is some comedy in this but too much talk. The children listened carefully and laughed when they could, but the favourite moments came when Jem played with a silver soft-ball that sighed when thrown in the air and squawked when bounced, Unfortunately Jem tires of the game before the audience does and

JEREMY KINGSTON

TAL THANGE TO 3 How to Love a Man Who Doesn't Love Me The Place

house cheered their brilliance, but THE little man in the oversized their dramatic force was even raincoat gave me a fright screechgreater than the virtuosity. ing behind me like that before A more predatory undertone to a more guileless looking smile running on to the stage. But then than this Gamzatti gave her this was moderately avant-garde theatre, the screeching and runvictim at their first meeting would ning followed by more of the be hard to imagine. Nor a more frantic gaiety than this Nikiya same, as well as stamping, stompshows when she realises she has ing, jumping, whimpering, grabbeen trapped. Why do the other bing, slapping and moaning. ballerinas not insist on reinstating

Edward Lam, The Place's artistin-residence, comes from Hong the ending of the solo, which Makarova's production omits but Kong. How To Love A Man Who which Asylmuratova brought with Doesn't Love Me is a new production of a piece he did there, his second work to be shown in Even this cast, however, cannot make Makarova's last act look the London. The title refers predomiequal of the earlier ones. But the nantly to male self-alienation, final destruction of the statue has Man rejects his emotional inner self so that he can conform to a socially acceptable archetype. In that light, the all-male cast of JOHN PERCIVAL

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12 makes sense. The piece also wonderfully m movement, sound and decor, the monochrome figures arranged in stark outline against the white walls and panels of the set.

nothing else was as much fun.

Lam's vocabulary is more choreographed movement than dance. He proceeds through images, often oblique, in which emotions seem clinically separated into strands and put under a microscope. Eventually it clicks that the strange character who has been standing motionless and emotionless like a mannequin must be a metaphor for the others. By the end we witness the birth of the new-age man: the mannequin character at last moves. He collects the outer clothing which the others discard to emerge like butterflies from their chrysalises.

The nature of the piece, however means that the emotions are never engaged. These performers, as emotionally stunted characters, have to be grey and anonymous.

NADINE MEISNER

NEW RELEASES CINEMA GUIDE

HEAVY PETTING: An amusing cocktail of clips from American sex education with celebrities recalling their first fumblings. ICA Clinema (071-530 3647).

A MANA BLUES (18): Châty thrife heading nowhere, though the off-peat characters are a delight. Also Belchwin as a memoging ex-corr. Find Ward as a seedy or Jermiter Jeson Leigh as a call-girl caught in the fraces. Produced by Jonathan Demma. Causion Partion Street (071-830 0831).

♦ THE NEVERONDING STORY PART 2 (U): A return visit to the land of Fantasia. Visually apactacular, but the plot is a Brancie, spoils some of the fun. Cannons: Fulhern Road (071-3 Haymarloot (071-838 1527) Oxford Street (071 636 0310) Warner (071-439 0791) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

THREE SISTERS (12): Chekhov to an Italian university town in Sparks by from all three actre Arctant, Greta Scacchi, Valent ore. ere (071-439 4470). CURRENT

THE BIG PICTURE (15): Geniel estire on Hollywood moviesselding from two alumin of This is Spinal Tap, Chinetopher Guest and Michael McKeen. Michael McKean. Cannons: Totanham Court Road (071-836 6148) Fulham Road (071-370 2636).

BILUE STEEL (18): Tough, blood-apatiered police thriller with a terminal stant from director Keithryn Bigelow.
 Carmon Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Oxford Street (071-602 6644/5) Mezzanina (071-630 6111).

COME SEE THE PARADISE (15): Alar ment of the Japanese after Pearl Herbor: handsomely mounted. Odeon Heymarics (071-839 7687). THE COMFORT OF STRANGERS (18): Rupert Everett and Natissia Richardson mooching around Venice, letting prey to the warped Christopher Walken. Labono

psychological drame. Curzon Mayfair (071-499 3737). ◆ DEATH WARRANT (18): Action video ng Jean-Calude van Damme as an ing Jean-Calude van Damme as an indercover cop in prison. Bloodtiesty indication drame; director, Deran Sarafian. Barnons: Oxford Street (171-636 0310) tention Street (071-530 0631).

FLATLINERS (15): Kiefer Sutherland, Julie Roberts and Kevin Bacon as medical

AFTER THE FALL: Arthur Willer CHAPTEST ITES VALCE Arms water sorting out love, guilt and manage. Bewild performance by Josette Simon.
National (Lyttation), South Bank, SE? (071-828 2252). Underground/SR Waterloo Tonight, tomorrow, 7 Jüpin, mat formorow, 2.15pm. Running time: 2hrs 55mms.

☐ BOOKENDS: Disappointingly empty tale of two literary blokes: Michael Hurdem and Disadele Landen by to find some context. Apolio, Shritesbury Avenue, W1 (071-437 2633) Underground: Piccedilly Mion-Fd, Spm, Sat, 8-30pm, reat Set, Spm. Running tene:

... I'me sours recort DOOR: Tom Griffin's patronising view of the mentally il-adjusted Fine acting, with Steve Gutsenberg Transfer from Hampstead. Comedy Theatre, Parton Street. SWI (071-957 1045) Underground: Piccadilly Mon-Thurs, Sprn. Fri, Sat, 8-30pm, mats Fn, Sat, 5-30pm. Hamining bine: 2hrs 10mins. Ends December 29. BURINING PATTENCE: Exited Chizeen poet Pablo Neruda helps has postmen to v the inniceper's daughter; gravely

THE BOYS NEXT DOOR: Tom

Casming Livesbry. Soho Poly, Riding House Street, W1 (071-636 9050), Underground: Oxford Circus. Today, tomorrow 8pm. Running time: 2hrs. Ends

☐ ETTA JENKS: Miranda Richardson as the solled harome of American porn: strong the assect resign of retraction point, study play by gifted new writer, Marken Meyett. Royal Court, Stoene Square, SW1 (071-730 1745/2554). Underground: Stoene Square. Mon-Sat, Born, mat Sat, 4pm. Flurming time: Zhra, Ende Monday.

■ Five GUYS NAMED MOE: Marvellous jezz musical packed with Louis Jordan numbers. An evening of joy. Lyric Theastre, Sheftesbury Avenus, W1 (071-487 898), Underground: Prockdily. N. Fri, Sprn, Sat, Sprn and 8.45pm. Purning time: 11rr 45m;ns. C GASPING: John Gordon Sincials and Rather over the top but lots of laughs.
Theetre Royal, Haymerled, SW1 (071-930
8000, Underground: Piccadilly Mon-Thurs,
8000, Hi, Sat, 8,30pm, rest Sat, 5pm.
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☐ HIDDEN LAUGHTER: Felicity Ken (her lest week) and Peter Barkworth in Simon Grav's throught (figr IBSR Weer), after representation in the Gray's thought-providing play Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Underground, Channg Cross Mon-Fri, 7.4 Sat, 8.30pm, mate Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. Running time: 2hrs 15mins.

III INTO THE WOODS: Sondheim's withy mix of tarytailes: grimmer than Gramm in the first half, turns sloally thereafter. Phoenix. Chaing Cross Road, WC2 (071-240 9661). Underground: Tottenham Court

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(071-929 8800), 7.30pm. SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS: Opening day of a promise with Merti Caine, Derek Griffiths, Los English, Sean Oliver, Chine Corcoran Thompson and Peter Sowerbutts.

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol •) on release ecross the country.

students probing the boundaries between death and life Director, Joe Schumacher. Cannons: Cheisee (071-332 5096) Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 8061) Odeons: Kentengton (071-802 6844) Mezzanine (071-930 6111) Swiss Cottage (0426 914 098) Whiteleys (071-792 3303(3524).

♦ THE FRESHMAN (PG); Quirky, uneven spect of *The Godfather*, with Marion Brando es the mobster who have a New York film student (Metithew Brodenck) as a delivery-boy. Odeon Kensington (071-502 6644/5).

superminuse person, success, and constraint absorbing while it lests.

Carmons: Baker Street (071-955 9772)

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♦ GOODFELLAS (16): Martin Scoresse's gengese epic following a New York hoodkum's nee and fall. With Robert De Niro.
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Curron West End (071-439 4905) Screen on Bater Street (071-635 2772) Withsleys
(071-732 3303/3324).

(b) HSRRY AND JUNE (18): Anala Nin's passionate affair with Henry Mater in bottom Para recreated with a grandiose fler by director Princ (Xadran, Carmon Fullness Road (071-970 2636) Empire (071-497 9999) Noting HM Corona (071-727 8705) Screen on the Green (071-263 3520) Whiteleys (071-792 3903/3324). ♦ HOME ALONE (PG): Plucky kid left.

♦ HOME ALONE (PG): Plucky kid left sione at Christmas wards off bumbling burglers. Broad, machine-boded American tamby fun from writer-producer John Hughes; with Macathay Cubin, John Pesci. Camden Parkway (071-257 7034) Carnon Chaless (071-352 5095) Haymarket (071-539 1527) Ordond Street (071-636 0310) Oddons: Kenstington (071-636 0310) Oddons: Kenstington (071-637 0310) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5035) Mezzanine (071-723 05111) Warner (071-439 0791) Whitaleys (071-722 3036) Mezzanine (071-724 3056)

 THE HOT SPOT (18th Reging sexual fires and duplicity in a lazy Texas town, deliciously evoked by director Dennas Hopper Don Johnson as the drifter who repper Don Jorneon as the chief wind unearthe a homet's nest; Virginia Medee as the homet.
Camon Chelses (071-352 5096) Prince Charles (071-437 8181). ♦ THE LITTLE MERIMARD (U): Disney's

House full, returns only

Odeons: Kensington (071-502 5844/5) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905) Warner (071-439 0791) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324). METROPOLITAN (15): What Strimen's uncledly irons comedy of manners set among workedly irons comedy and preposes over New York's debutantee and preposes over one Christmas notiday Wifty dialogue, engaging young actors, elegant direction, Camion Chelses (071-352 5098) Lumere (071-

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♦ MY BLUE HEAVEN (PG): Steve Mertin as an incorrigible criminal placed under the wing of a stiff-noticed FBI agent (Rick Moranis) Overstreiched corriedy.

Warner (071-439 0791). THE SHELTERING SKY (18): A chilling novel (by Paul Bowles) filmed with a warm visual sweep by Bernardo Bertolucci with John Malikovich and Debra Winger.

John Malkovich and Debra Winger. Odeon Leicester Square (071-830 6117). • TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES (PG): Noisy, charmless teature length advert for the new pop culture lad, full of marisal arts majarkey, stereotyped vibins, visual gloom, and product references. Odeons: Kensington (071-802 6644/5) Marble Arch (071-723 2011) Swise Cottage mass 014 089 West End (071-530) (0426 914 098) West End (071-930 5252/7815) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

TEXASVILLE (15): Hollow absurdies comedy patchlorising the learnage characters of The Last Picture Show and rueful middle-age. Jeff Bridges, Cybil Shepherd, director, Peter Bogdanovich. Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Gete (071-727 4043) Metro (071-437 0757).

TIME OF THE GYPSIES (15): Noisy TIME OF THE SYPSIES (12): Noisy account of Yugoslav gypsy youngsters conscripted into an army of theires. Dazzing set-pieces, but the despirited narrative saps the film's energy. Director, Emir Kustunds.

Camden Plaza (071-495 2443) Chetiqu. Chema (071-351 3742).

VAMPIRE'S KISS (18): Woman bites WANTIFIC 3 NoS (16), WHITE SAME Manhattan literary spent, agent becomes vampre. Awkward mix of honor, corredy and psychological drams, with Nicolas Cage, Jeruiter Beals, Grector, Robert Berman, Cannons: Oxford Street (071-630 0310) Parates Sharet (071-071 0531)

A WORLD WITHOUT PITY (15): Life and loves of a Parisian tayabout, a promising by young French director Enc Rochant, with disaming performances (hippolyte Girardot, Miradie Perrier).

Renoir (071-837 8402).

☐ THERESA: Julie Pescal's harsh, sherply acted record of the Entish betrayel of a Channel Islands, sewess.
The Gerage, Dennington Park Road, off West End Lane, NW6 (071-431 0345).

☐ TIME AND THE CONWAYS: Joan Plowright and lots of other Offviers in Priestley's duffer play, set in 1919 (twice) and 1938. Old Vic. Waterloo Road, SE1 (071-928)

7616). Underground: Waterloo. Mon-Fri, 7.30pm, Set. 7.45pm, mets Wed, 2.30pm, Set, 4pm. Running time: Zhrs 35mins.

MANAT THE BUTLER SAW: Incest

assault and biseous junketing preserved aspic of Joe Orton's wit Not quite a top-class production but well worth seeing. Hampstasid, Avenue Poed, MV3 (071-72 9031). Underground: Swiss Cottage Mon 8pm, met Sat, 4pm. Running time: 2ms.

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379 6107) Underground: Leicester Square. Mon-Set, 7 45pm, mets Tues. 3pm, Set, 4pm. Running ilms. 2hrs 30mms. THEATRE GUIDE Jeremy Kingston's assessment of THE ROCKY HORROR SHOW: current theatre in London us and wild, bold and bizzints:

Haucous and weep, dole and occurs, sour deafering rick missical. Piccadilly. Denman Street. W1 (071-867 1118) Underground Piccadilly Circus. M Them. Spm. Frl. Set, 7pm and 9.15pm. Furning time: 1hr 30mins. ☐ Seats at all prices Rossi Mon-Set, 7.30pm, mats Thurs, Set, 2.30pm. Running time: 2hrs 50mins. SCENES FROM A MARRIAGE: Alen Howard and Penny Downe in Bergman's two-hander, disappointingly stack after its transfer from Chichester. Z JUST SO: Just a so-so musical on the transfer from Chichester.
Wyndhent's, Channy Cross Road, WC2
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Squere, Mon-Sist, Born, mets Thurs, 3pm,
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Kipling teles: songe pleasand, costumes charming, story oddly pale, Tricycle, 259 Kilbum High Road, NWS (071-328 1000), Underground: Kilbum, Is Spin, mat Sat, Apin, Punning time: 2hra 30mine, Ends January 12. THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE

WARDROBE Attractive Names adventument the young in heart. The Horse and his Boy follows next week. Lyric, King Street, London W6 (081-741 2311). Underground: Hammersmith. Tues-S 10.30em, Tues-Fn, 2pm, Sun 3pm. Running time: 2119 CI THE MYSTERY OF IRMA VEP: Spoof Gothic melodrama, ranging between the fancestly tunny end the feebly transic. Ambessedors, West Street, WC2 (071-836 511). Underground. Leicester Square, Mon-Set, Born, mats Thurs, 3pm, Set, 4pm. Rurining time: 2ms.

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developed. Shafteabury, Shafteebury Avenue, WC2 (171-379 5393) Underground, Holborn, Mon-Fri, Bpm, Sat, 6,30pm, mats Wed, 2,30pm, Sat, 5,30pm, Running time: 2tre 15mins. ☐ PLANO: Awkward but highly watchable extension by Trevor Griffiths of Chelchovis themes and characters.acted by NT

stalearts. National (Cottssice) (es left)., South Bank, SEI (1071-628 2252). Tonight, tomorow, 7 20cm. Superior 2 20cm. Superior time: 2hrs 10mins.

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RACING DEMON: David Here's award-winning state-of-the-church drama. National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-828 2252), Underground/SR: Waterloo. Tonight, terrerrow, 7.15pm, mat terrerrow, 2pm, Running time. Zisra 50mins.

THE REHEARSAL: Ign McDigmid's

stylish production (costumes by Jesper Conten) at Anguilh's seduction play. Gental, Charing Cross Reed, WC2 (071-

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Leeds Grand Theatre, New Briggate,
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6.00 Ceefax 6.30 BBC Breakfast News with Laurie Mayer and Jill Dando 8.50 Daytime UK. A preview of the day's events with Adrian Mills in Manchester and Alan Titchmarsh and Judi Spiers

in Birmingham

9.00 News, regional news and weather

9.05 Brainwave. Cuiz game presented
by Andy Craig 9.25 Dish of the Day, Helpful cookery hints from Roseman Moon 9.30 People Today includes advice for weakand gardeners 10.00 News, regional news and weather 10.05 Children's BBC introduced by

Simon Parkin begins with Playdays
(r) 10.25 Barney. Cartoon series about a
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12.00 News, regional news and weather 12.05 Travel Show Extra. A guide to Dover and a report from Mananske Lazne in Czechoslovakia 12.20 Scene Today. Judi Spiers and Alan arsh are joined by Simon Potter

for all the showbiz girz and gossip 12.55 Regional news and weather 1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. Weather

1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) 1.50 Going
For Gold. Quiz game

2.15 Film: Crooks in Cloisters (1963). A

monastic romp in the Carry On vein about a gang of crooks who hole up in an island monastery. Starring Barbara Windsor, Bernard Cribbins, Ronald Fraser and Wiffrid Brambell. Directed by Jeremy Summers

3.50 Touché Turtle. Cartoon about a musketeer turtle (r) 3.55 Corners. Sophie Aldred and Stephen Johnson with the children's general knowledge show 4.10 The Jetsons. Cartoon

4.35 Record Breakers. Last of the series with Roy Castle and Cheryl Baker. They announce the winner of the Gunness Book of Records cover competition and Ron Reagan Jr nides the world's wildest rollercoaster. Roy meets Carl Lewis, the fastest man on earth, end, in the studio, stars join hundreds of dancers to form the world's longest chorus line 5.00 Newsround 5.10 Byker Grove. Children's drama series set in Tyneside.

5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax). Northern ireland. Sportswide 5.40 Inside Ulater 6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter

issons and Moira Stuart, Weathe 6.30 Regional News Magazines. Northern Ireland: Neighbours

 7.00 Wogan. Terry's guests toright are John Clease and Paul McCartney. 7.30 Film: Mr Mum (1983). Static rolereversel comedy in which Michael Keaton plays a happy husband who suddenly loses his job. His wife Caroline (Teri Garr) gets a job in an advertising agency and Jack is left holding the baby and two sons and the domestic fort. Directed by Stan Dragoti

9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. Regional news and we 9.30 Film: The Year of Living Dangerously (1982). CHOICE: Peter Welr of Witness and The Dead Poets Society directed this stirring tale of a young Australian television journalist (Mel Gibson) onlis first overseas assignment to a politically volatile indonesia in 1965.



Essentially it is the story of an nnocent abroad, as Gibson tries to negotiate the treacherous minefield of Indonesian politics with the help of a diminutive Chinese-American photographer. He is a played by a woman, Linda Hunt, in an outstanding performence which won her an Oscar. Political events are only the background to a study of cultural divisions and the personal and ional dilemmas of a reporter caught up in events he only intended to observe. The weakness of the film is an affair between Gibson and an attaché at the British Embassy (Sigourney Weaver), which is too perfunctionly developed to be more than an appendix to the main narrative 11.20 Show Jumping. The Everest Christmas Carol Stakes from Olympia

introduced by David Vine 12.10am Film; The Bank Shot (1974). Frenetic chase comedy with George C. Scott as a criminal who steals not only money but an entire bank (actually a mobile structure in a shopping precinct). Joanna Cassidy is his seductive accomplice. Directed by Gower Champion 1,30 Weather

8.00 Public Eye: Toys and Television. Peter Taylor reports from Los Angeles on whether the connection between manufacturers, on both sides of the Atlantic, is too close to be healthy 8.30 The Travel Show Guides. Penny Junor with the second report from the sunny climes of California. (Ceefax) 9.00 Monty Python's Flying Circus (r).

 CHOICE: The second part of David Dugan's gripping story of the Soviet space programme ntrates on its most ambitious project, to land a man on the moon. Having put the first satellite into space, then the first dog, man and woman. the pressure for another world triumph was enormous. But having been beaten so badly in the early years, the United States was not only catching up but starting to move ahead. As the world knows, the first man on the moon was not a Soviet cosmonaut but Nell Armstrong. The Soviet Union spent billions of roubles trying to get their man on the moon, only to pretend afterwards that the project had

epectaculars. 10.30 Newsnight with Peter Snow 11.20 New West Special. The final

music series 11.50 Tennis, Further coverage of the Grand Slam Cup in Munich

TV LONDON

6.00 TV-am 9.25 Keynotes. Alistair Divell hosts the musical duz in which contestants must match tyrics to tunes 9.55 Thames ws and weather 10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . The

travelling discussion show tackles another topic in the news 10.40 This Morning. Features on home

and lamily matters, presented by Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley 12.05 Rainbow. Educational entertainment for pre-school children, Guest John theatre pupper show 12.25 Home and Away. Australian soap 12.55 Tharnes News and weather 1.00 News at One with John Suchet.

amotional problems are discussed by therapist Dr John Cobb 1.50 A Country Practice

2.20 Shooker. The start of the final of the World Metchplay Championship from the Brentwood Centre, Essex

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5.10 Home and Away (r) 5.40 News with Fione Armstrong.

5.55 The Day. A short documentary about a crucial day in the life of a member of the public

6.00 Six O'Clock Live. Frank Bough presents the regional magazine for London and the south-east, with guests who include Status Quo. Joanna Sheldon steps out with the Bolshoi Ballet's principal dancer and there are reports from Danny Baker

7.00 Family Fortunes. The Patels from London compete against the Hutton family from Portsmouth for a £3,000 ackpot in the quiz hosted by Les Dennis 7.30 Coronation Street. Catch up with the regulars at the Rovers. (Oracle)



8.00 Watching.

CHOICE. The most popular comedy on ITV drew audiences of between 12.9 and 14.8 million for its last series and is now back for its fifth Those new to Jim Hitchmough's show may wonder why so many people should be hooked on the apparently unremarkable reletionship between a sparky young Liverpudian (Emma Wray) and her dreamy boyfnend (Paul Bown). Like many sitcom partners, these two have their differences and this helps to provide tramatic tension. But the continuance of the series depends on their staying together and there is no realistic prospect that they will not. The other main strand is the contrast between the haphazard life of Wray and Bown and the settled domesticity of her married sister (Liza Tarbuck), with her cute baby and ambitions of a fitted kitchen. Perhaps the reason for the show's huge success is that the Wray character

represents the freedom of spirit that many hanker after but few achieve. (Oracle)

8.30 Film: Quincy — The Thigh Bone's Connected to the Knee Bone (1976) starring Jack Klugman and Lynette Mettey A made for television mystery in which the grim-faced pathologist investigates a 20-year-old murder after a student presents him with a thigh bone with a nick in it which could have been caused by a bullet. Directed by Alex March. (Oracle)

9.55 Christmas On ITV, Preview 10.00 News at Ten with Sandy Gall and Julia Somerville. Weather 10.35 LWT News and weather

10.40 Hooperman. American police series Hooperman's girltriend has had a miscarriage and his relationship with her has been affected by the tragedy They are both slowly forced to accept that maybe they are not right for

each other Starring John Ritter
11.10 Snooker. Further coverage of the
two-day final of the World Matchplay Championship from the Brentwood

12.35am We Got It Made. Festive trouble for Mickey, David, Jay, Max and Max Jr when they find themselves locked in the basement on Christmas Eve 1 05 The James Whale Radio Show Viewers last chance before Christma to attempt a coherent and lively discourse with the controversial James

2.05 CinemAttractions. The latest news and behind-the-scenes reports from the

American box office 2.35 Ten Pin Bowling. Action from the

1990 Livingston UK open championships 3.35 Film: Walk a Crooked Path (1969) starring Feith Brook, Tenniel Evans and Patricia Haines A senior housemaster at a boy's school is accused of assaulting one of the boys instantly forgettable melodrama Directed by John Brason

5.00 ITN Morning News with Gilly Carter Ends at 6.00

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8.00 News 8.15 Westminster

9.00 it Doesn't Have To Hurt. Painless ways to exercise (r). (Ceetax) 9.10 Film: For Whom the Bell Tolls (1943). Stodgy adaptation of Herningway's tale of love and death in the Spanish civil war starring Gary Cooper, Ingrid Bergman and Katina Paxinou, who won an Oscar for best supporting actress. Directed by Sam

11.15 After Hours with cornedy actor Bill Cosby and boxer Evander Holyfield 11.35 The Invisible Man (r)

12.10 The Treasures of Chuquisaca. An expedition following the path of the Spanish conquistadors (r) 1.10 Holiday Outings to the Greek islands (r) 1.20 Postman Pat (r)
1.35 Under Sali: Bristol Channel Pilot Cutters (r) 1.55 A Carol from Ely. The

choir at Ely Cathedral sing "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" News and weather followed by 2.00 Ne Sport on Friday. Includes Tennis: action from the Grand Slam Cup in Munich; Skling: the ladies downhill from Hasilberg, Switzerland; and Show Jumping from London's Olympia. With

news and weather at 3.00 and 3.50 4.00 Catchword. Word game 4.30 Behind the Headlines presented by 5.00 The Naturals.

CHOICE: Many have heard of the National Theatre Company, fewer of the Natural Theatre Company. This engaging little film helps to lift the lid, while suggesting that we cannot take everything it says too seriously. Even the reporter, Drew Stanton, could be a spoof. The Naturals are a

Street-walking, fun-loving theatre (5.00pm)

fringe theatre group who started some 20 years ago in Bath and their speciality is taking to the streets in strange costumes. Perhaps the locals have seen it all before, because they seem less surprised than they ought to be. The rest of us might be rather more startled by a fleet of nannies aggressively criving prams, a gang in animal masks or humans with flower pots where their heads should be. From Bath the Naturals have ventured as far afield as Louisiana, Tokyo and Gateshead and are a cult in Berlin. They also give hedgerow performances

6.00 Film: Road to Rio (1947, b/w). The series of classic Road comedies continues as Hope and Crosby stow Dorothy Lamour plays a damsel in distress. Directed by Norman Z. McLeod. (Ceafax). Wales: A Way With Numbers 6.25 Remember, Remember 7.05 You Are What You Eat 7.15-7.45 Wales in We 7.35 Animation Now: The Crow and the

for passing cyclists
5.30 Food and Drink (r) away on a liner bound for Rio de Janeiro.

Canary 7.45 What the Papers Say with Robert Fox of the Daily Telegraph

9.30 Horizon Special: Red Star in Orbit.

never existed. Taking advantage of glasnost to throw light in previously dark corners, Dugan's film is a revealing insight into how Soviet scientists were forced to jettison safety in trying to satisfy the demands of their political masters for yet more space

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12.40am Behind the Headlines (r). Ends

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6.00 Sing and Swing. Performances by jazz stars of the Thirtiess and Forties 6.20 Business Daily 6.30 The Channel Four Daily

9.25 The Art of Landscape. Besutiful

scenery backed by soothing music
11.00 As it Happens. In the Gulf, Michael
Groth and his camera crew report from a
US fleet hospital and from HMS Hurworth 12.00 The Parliament Programme

12.30 Business Daily. Financial and business news service 2.00 Pet World. Vet John Wilson continues his exploration of people and their pets with a look at a private bird sanctuary, Clydesdale horses at work

and a small dog that travels on wheels (r) 2.30 Film: Summer Madness (1955). David Lean's delightful romantic cornedy starring Katharine Hepburn as a lonely spinister secretary on holiday in Venice who falls for the charms of an antique shop owner. Their love affair can never be and, as in Lean's Bnef Encounter, the two are forced by circumstances to part for ever. The performances of Hapburn and Rosanno Brazzi as the star-crossed lovers are impeccable and the Italian scenery is gorgeous. Hepburn was nominal

for an Oscar as was Lean. He had to

wait until his next film, The Bridge on the River Kwai, 4.20 Parade. Animation from Hungary

4.30 Fifteen-to-One. Quiz 5.00 Not on Sunday. Theo Sowa visits Dartmoor prison to investigate the role of religion behind bars 5.30 American Football: Red 42. The

latest from the NFL with Mick Luckhurst and Gary Imlach. 6.00 Happy Days. More high school

comedy with Henry Winkler and Ron Howard 6.30 Tonight with Jonathan Ross. Elton

John is the guest 7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Zemab Badawi 7.50 First Reaction. Jaci Stephen, author

and television critic, reviews the stage version of Kenneth Grahame's Wind in the Willows, adapted by Alan Bennett, at the National Theatre Weather 8.00 Brookside. (Telefext)
8.30 Hard News presented by Ray
Snoddy. Includes an exploration of

media manipulation by Emest Saunders and examines the sometimes fraught relationship between city journalists and big businessmen; and Melinda Wittstock, media correspondent of The Times, looks at the way the Press has covered the case of the Birmingham Six over the

9.00 Drop the Dead Donkey. Newsroom comedy that was topical on its first showing in September (r) 9.30 Views of Kew: The Green Ark. The last in an attractive senes on the Royal Botanical Gardens goes behind the

scenes to look at the scientific and conservation work being done there

10.00 The Golden Girls. Sharp American comedy with the mature Flonda ladies Blanche tries to sell a rented Mercedes to attract wealthy men and Sophia comes into money from a very different source. With Betty White, Bea Arthur Rue McClanahan and Estelle Getty. (Teletext)
10.30 The Louie Anderson Show. The

American stand-up comedian with his views of life

11.00 The Word presented live from Universal Studios, Hollywood, by Terry Christian and Amanda De Cadenet. The guests include Richard Corpenter who will be presented with a triple platinum disc for his album Only Yesterday, Rikki Lake, star of Cry Baby, country singer Dwight Yoakam, and Tony Ceccere, a stunt man who has appeared in the films Ghostbusters and Nightmare on Elm Street 12.00 Dancedaze. Hot movement from the dance floor of London's Brixton

Academy.

1.00am Film: It Came from Hollywood (1982). A collection of some of Hollywood's worst on-screen moments, taken mainly from temble B movies such as Attack of the Killer Tomatoes, Invasion of the Neptune Men and the unforgettable incredibly Strange Creatures Who Stopped Living and Became Mixed-Up Zombies. Linking this collage of surreal scenes from the dark side of Hollywood are Dan Aykroyd, John Candy Cheech and Chong and Gilda Radner Directed by Andrew Solt and Malcolm Leo Ends

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Concerto Ne 3 in G minor:
Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields under Marriner with
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Holroyd, mezzo) Brahms, orch Schoenberg (Plano Quartet No 1 in G minor: CBSO under 11.55 BBC Scottish SO under George Hurst, with Robert Cohen, cello, pertorms Ravel (Suite: Me mère l'oye). Saint-Salins (Cello Concerto No 1); Tippett (Rituel Dances)

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World: The senes begins with
the musical re-unification of

Germany. The RIAS Young Orchestre and students from the Hanns Eisler College of

5.00 Mainly for Pleasure 6.30 The Music Maker The cottaboration of Miles Davis with composer Git Evans

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during the Fifties
7.00 News 7.05 Third Ear
7.30 BBC SC: A 60th anniversary
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Symphony Chorus, Suzanne
Murphy, soprano, Mary King,
mezzo, Philip Langndge,
tenor, Robert Holl, bass:
Stravinsky (Symphony of
Psalms)
7.55 The Ninth. 7.55 The Ninth.

The Nanth.

CHOICE: Dissenting from the general view that the Nanthwas Beethoven's best symphony, the novelist Anthony Burgess, in this curtain-raising talk on the work (see 8.15 entry), none the less records bis emergement at (see 8.15 entry), none the less records his amazement at what "that deaf man, living in irredeemable squalor and pain, could do with 12 notes"

8.15 BBC SO (cont): Beethoven (Symphony No 9 in D minor)

9.35 The 14 Resurrections of Miguel Marmol.

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Hutchinson's and Nick Castor's soul-string feature, though anchored in the life of the Salvadorean trade unionist the Salvetorean trace and her who had five more lives than the proverbial cal, looks behind and beyond him to the contemporary poetry and prose of El Salvador, and at the marking realism with which prose of a Servacor, and at the magical realism with which the literature of this tormented country is imbued. If could, in fact, be argued that we learn too much about the Salvadorean literary landscape and too little about the political idealist who has survived earthquake, bulls and

a fring squad and now lives in exile in Cuba. The bographical dimension of Marmol's life is in the very capable hands of actor Bob 10.20 Domenico Scartetti Sonates in F sharp menor, Kk 25; in B menor, Kk 376, Kk 377; in G mmor, N. 370, N. 371, IN 3 and G minor, Kk 372, Kk 373, in C minor, Kk 372, Kk 373, in C minor, Kk 126, in F minor, Kk 555: Ruth Dyson,

herpschord (r)

10.50 The Transatiantic Cello. Lowringtake, cello, Caroline Palmer, piano, perform Britten (Sonata in C, Op 65); Walton (Passacaglia); Crumb (Sonata)

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Compelling stories about real-life people and the lives they lear! (s) lead (s) 12.00 News; You and Yours: The

12.00 News; You and close that rough justice dealt out in the small claims court

12.25pm The Food Programme with Derek Cooper. How scientific is advice about moderate drinking? (s)

12.55 Weather 1.00 The World at One 1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast; 2.00 News; Woman's Hour: From Glasgow, Ruth Wishert tellos to a couple re-united after the recent release of hostages in

Kuwait and to a women whose husband will not be let free; nascant with the street, an item about three musicians — Savorne Stevenson, Taithe MacKenzle, Karen Winhurst — all living karen with the street with the stree and working in Scotland, and another on school children working illegally; an interview with Professor Shelle Maclean, who has just been appointed to a new cher in medical ethics at Glasgow University; and a short teature on sno a sport leader of or Scottish alcoholic puddings 3.00 News: Classic Serial: "The Forsyte Chronicles". Twenty-three-part adaptation of John Galsworthy's classic novels.

narrated by Dirk Bogarde (11) 4.00 News 4.05 Tea Junction. Patrick Hannan and guests reflect on the weak's events_ 4.30 Kaleidoscope: Packed into today's programme is an interview with artist Howard Hodgkin about his work on

show at the Scottish Museum of Modern Art, Edinburgh —his first exhibition since 1985, it concentrates on a selection of smaller pieces chosen by smaler pieces chosen by ham — followed by a review by art critic Richard Cork; feetures on the work of woodcarver Guy Tapkin from Essex and the new wave of male ballet dancers to have male beliet dencers to have emerged in recent years — including inverwews with Robert Hill, Ashley Page, Bruce Sansom and Phillip Broomhead, plus comment from Debra Craine of *The Times*; lestly a review of a new disc of Eizabethan carols by the Rose Consortum (s) PM

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6.30 Going Places. Travel and transport magazine. What is planned by the terry companies competing with the

Channel Tunnel

7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week: Margaret
Howard presents her choice of
extracts from BBC radio and elevision coverage over the egevision coverage over the past week (8)
8.05 Any Obestions? Jonathan Directions including Peter Lilley Mi?, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry; Baroness Sear, Deputy Leader of the Liberal Democratis in the House of Leafer and Leafer Lords; and John Smith, MP, Shadow Chancellor of the

Exchequer 8.50 Stop Press: Robin Lustig with a personal review of the week's Press (new senes) 9.15 Kaleidoscope. Today's half hour takes a look at the different traditions of the Greek Cypnot and Turkish cultures in England (8) 9.45 Letter From America 9.59 Weather 10.00 The World Tonight (s) 10.45 A Book At Bedtime: "In My Wildest Dreams" by Lessie

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Thomas (2 of 12)
11.00 Week Ending: Satirical revie
of the week's news (s)
11.25 The Financial Week (s)
11.45 Today in Parlament
12.00-12.30am News; incl 12.20 Weather 12:33-12:43 Shipping Forecast

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WORLD SERVICE: All times available in GMT 5.00em Morganmagach 5.35 News in German, Headlines in English and Franch 5.47 Press Review 5.52 Financial News 5.58 Weather and Traver News 6.00 Newsdess 6.30 Londress 10 Column 7.00 Newsdess 6.30 Londress 10 Column 7.00 Newsdess 6.30 Londress

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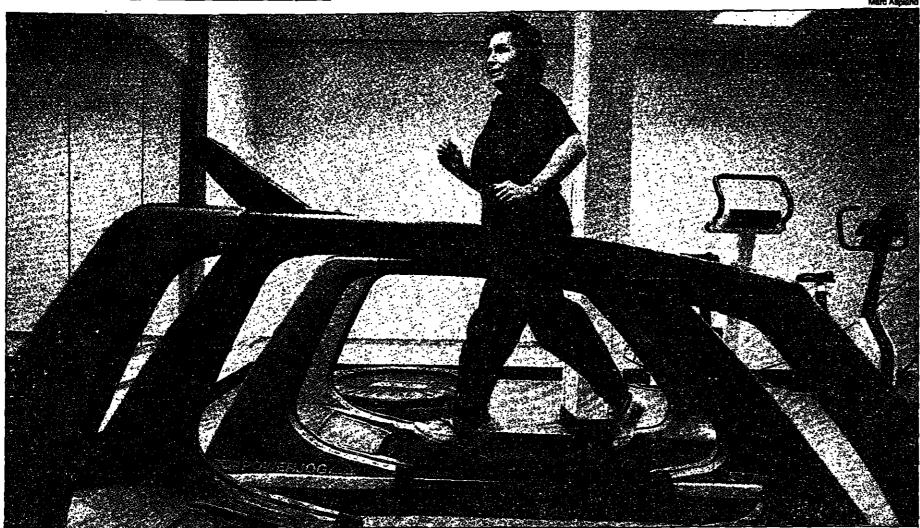
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Running for Parliament: fitness-conscious MPs turned up when the new Westminster Gymnasium opened its doors yesterday in Cannon Row, London. Among them was Dame Janet Fookes, the Conservative MP for Plymouth Drake, who elected to test her endurance on one of the jogging machines

and served warning that measures

"adequate for what is happening"

would be taken against people

who promoted civil disobedience

Karbainov of the KGB was

quoted by Tass as telling a press

conference: "Failure to take eff-

ective measures to stabilize the

consumer goods market would be

followed by massive social up-

heavals." He added that the KGB

was belping to draft a law that

would define the crime of eco-

liberal caucus in the Soviet par-

liament, told fellow radicals at a

strategy meeting in preparation for

next week's People's Congress

session that Western food aid

could be used to "keep people

quiet" during a period of political

repression. According to deputies

who attended the closed meeting,

he argued that the reported re-

moval of nuclear weapons from

the Baltic states and Georgia could

signal an impending military

intervention, rather than a with-

minister named by President

Gorbachev to oversee the dis-

tribution of emergency aid, yes-

terday promised firm action to

deal with the congestion of ports

and railways threatening to render

impossible the import of food on

drawal of Soviet authority.

Yuri Afanasyev, a leader of the

nomic sabotage.

Meanwhile, General Aleksandr

or destroyed state symbols.

KGB rings alarm bell over threat of serious food riots

THE KGB, defending its newfound role as fighter against economic crime, said yesterday that massive social disorder could be the price of failure to improve the abysmal distribution of food and other basic necessities in the Soviet Union.

With India joining the list of countries sending token aid, the governments of the Soviet Union and the Russian Federation separately announced ambitious but vague plans to improve the supply of food. At the same time, liberal

From Bruce Clark in Moscow politicians said that Western assistance could facilitate a political crackdown.

The Soviet intelligence service maintained its barrage of threats, lauched by the KGB chief, Vladimir Kryuchkov, in a television broadcast on Tuesday, to suppress the challenges to the state system from either radical anti-communists or economic saboteurs.

In an interview with Pravda yesterday, the KGB chief said economic chaos was proving worse than he thought possible,

National Trust sets aside vote for ban on hunting

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meeting in the autumn of 1993, said Dame Jenniser Jenkins, the retiring chairman, adding that the proper place for a decision was

She said that the trust council at its next two meetings would consider amendments to its constitution which would make it ocult for advisive re tions to be proposed from the membership.

The ban on stag hunting was proposed and won at the trust's annual general meeting in Llandudno on November 3, by 68,679 votes to 63,985, involving just over 7 per cent of the trust's two million members.

Such votes are not binding on

the 52-strong governing council, although Dame Jennifer said at the time that the council would "take serious account of it".

Yesterday, 46 members of the

council spent hours debating the position at the trust's headquarters in Westminster and reached their decision by 45 votes to 1. The dissenter was Rodney Spaces Society. Last night he said: This is absolute procrastination and I am absolutely appalled. I wanted to adopt what the members decided. It might not go down well with some people on Exmoor or the Quantocks, but it's the best

thing for the future of the trust."

Beatrix Potter row, page 3

Baker urges review of old treason law

By SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL REPORTER

KENNETH Baker, the home secretary, will ask MPs on Monday to keep the death penalty for traitors and mutineers but he will urge a Law Commission review into the law of treason.

Although he is opposed to the restoration of capital punishment, he is preparing to vote against a Labour amendment to abolish the death penalty for treason and piracy at the end of Monday's Commons debate. He is expected to justify his stance against allegations of inconsistency by arguing that the law of treason should not be "thrown out of the window" on the back of a defective amendment during a debate on capital punishment.

Yesterday's Cabinet meeting considered Labour's amendment to the Criminal Justice Bill but government sources said it was not a conclusive discussion. It was agreed to recommend a full review of the treason laws.

Peter Archer, the former Labour solicitor, won the backing of the Shadow Cabinet this week to table his amendment to remove the death penalty for traitors and mutineers from the 1790 and 1814 Treason Acts and the 1837 Piracy stead would be life imprisonment.

When capital punishment for murder was abolished in 1965, the death penalty remained for treachery against the state, piracy on the high seas, hijacking of ships, the destruction of public arsenals and dockyards and for the murder of a Lord Chancellor. Soviet exodus, page 12

The old statutes have not been

used since the second world war when two traitors were hanged for conspiring against the Queen's enemies. They were William Joyce, better known as Lord Haw Haw, who was executed for treason for broadcasting pro-Hitler propaganda, and John Amery, brother of the Brighton MP Juliam Amery, who was hanged for treachery.

Six new clauses for re-introducing the death penalty for various offences have been tabled by Conservative MPs for Monday's debate. They include the restoration of capital punishment for terrorist murders, murdering police or prison officers. MPs will have a series of free votes on the new clauses at the end of the 15th Commons debate since the abolition of the death penalty in 1945.

Political sketch

Baker brews a potent potion

THE latest home secretary, Kenneth Baker, strode (we hear) into his new office last week, where officials and junior ministers waited to greet him. He thrust aside their briefing

papers. "Right, gentlemen. What new initiatives can we take?"

Mr Baker loves initiatives. As environment secretary, he left behind him (for Nicholas Ridley, then Chris Patten, then Michael Heseltine to sort out) the community charge, moving on, himself, to be education secretary. They still haven't sorted out the community charge. After education, he left be-

hind (for John MacGregor, then Kenneth Clarke to sort out) the "national curriculum," city technology colleges, schools "opt-out", an expanded university intake with no money to pay for it, and four hundred thousand angry teachers. They are still angry.
But Mr Baker has moved on

- to the home office. And a joke circulating at Westminster runs

Ouestion: "What's the worst job in government? Answer: "To be the next home secretary."

Yesterday afternoon, Mr B lolled on the front bench. It was his first time fielding questions. But not his first appearance as home secretary. That was on Monday, when he came to the Commons to answer Mr Hatterley's criticisms of the weather -a helpful way to start, at the home office: for wise home secretaries cultivate an air of benign impotence.

Yesterday, Mr Baker faced criticism over immigration, crime, soccer violence, the Derbyshire county council and the BBC. Over these, a home secretary's power is slightly less than his power to control the onset of winter, so it was useful for Mr Baker to start with the weather, easing us gradually into the idea of energetic helplessness.

He made a magnificent start. I entered the chamber late. I had heard the roar of the crowd some fifty yards before the door swung open. Within was may-hem. Mr Baker, reclining in-

dolently, was shouting - what. it was unclear. The whole of the Tory benches behind him were yelling fit to burst, some waving arms and stabbing fingers. Opposite the opposition was in a paroxysm of rage, many leaping up and down. The air was thick with insult

I should have guessed. The House of Commons was discussing football hooliganism. One of Baker's ministerial lieutenants, Peter Lloyd, was warming things up for the main act. This occurred next, when Robert Maclennan (Lib Dem. Caithness & Sutherland), a mild chap who knew not what he had started, enquired about the views of Mr Newing, chief constable of Derbyshire.

Derbyshire! In Tory demonology, Councillor Livingstone's Greater London Council has been replaced by Councillor Bookbinder's Derbyshire county council, This Evil Empire, from its HO in Matlock, had been accused of failing to support its own police

Roy Hattersley was doing his impersonation of an agitated guppy fish, avoiding the subject of Derbyshire, and spluttering about "police morale" as Mr Baker bellowed (above a barrage of Tory cheering and Labour protest) "And when Labour talk about law and order, I will reply Derbyshire!" He'll be replying "Derbyshire" quite a lot, then. It makes a change from "knickers." I

Into this havoc wandered Ron Brown (Lab. Leith). A parliamentary exchange with Mr Brown is rather like an international telephone call to Auckland. There is a bewildering time-lapse while information bounces of the stratosphere interposed between Mr Brown and the rest of the world.

Yesterday he wanted to know about armed policemen. "It is not necessary to see policemen walking around Heathrow with firearms," he said. "It frightens

"It frightens terrorists, too" came an anonymous Tory

MATTHEW PARRIS

Delors plot to corner Major

Continued from page 1 meeting in a "true working ses-

sion". They would have before them a document which would represent the decision of the European Council of heads of state and government would just have concluded.

The Italians, after a meeting yesterday morning with the council of Italian trades unions at which they pledged that there would be a "social dimension" to the EC, said that the IGC would discuss democratic legitimacy, European citizenship, political

Most of Scotland and

union, foreign and security policy and other areas such as drugs and immigration which Britain has always insisted are better handled by informal cooperation between member states.

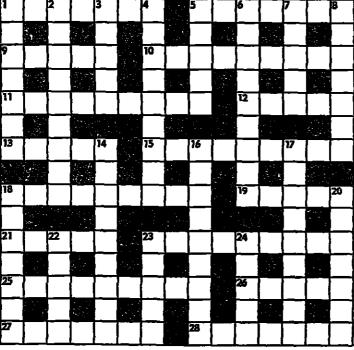
reminiscent of tactics on EMU at the first Rome summit, which led Mrs Thatcher to denounce "backdoor federalism" in a way that ultimately led to her downfall.

Mr Major will want an assurance today from Guilio Andreotti, the Italian prime minister, that the Italian presidency is not going to

ambush him in the same way. • Trade impasse: Mr Major will today try to persuade France and Germany to put the stalled world trade talks high on the agenda at the Rome summit (Nicholas

The prime minister will President Mitterrand and Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, this morning to give a much higher priority to rescuing the Unigue round of General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt) negotiations, which ended in recriminations last week.

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ACROSS

1 Black bat found under the shelf

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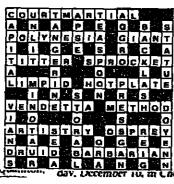
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6 Service area makes a killing (9). 7 Memorise play before opening night (S). 8 Check on beans (7). 14 As wear for military women,

bras are out (3,6). 16 Marriage following daughter's flirtation (9), 17 Vague hint to follow up on the spot (2.3.4). 18 Girl's debut - her family pro-

vide something to eat (7). 20 Wellington, perhaps, finally conquered this country, an ancient land (7). 22 For this singer, money talks! (5). 23 Pleasant crowd, and gracious

24 Anchor in a leafy place (5).

WORD-WATCHING By Philip Howard HISTORICALS LARRINGTONS Puritan fanatics Military boots

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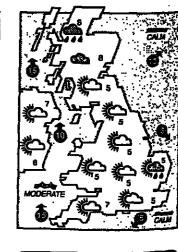
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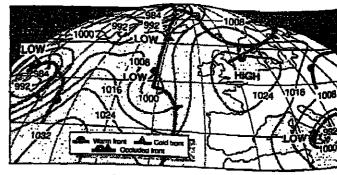
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FRIDAY DECEMBER 14 1990

in at Conran's

By MATTHEW BOND

Sir Terence's dream was to

warehouses, on the south bank

of the Thames at Tower

Bridge, into a mix of offices

and riverside apartments. Last

year, he described the pur-

chase of the warehouses in

1984 as his best deal ever. Last

night, Sir Terence was not

his office was referring calls to

apartments to meet the

scheme's growing interest bill. When the docklands market

property values, Butlers

Nigel Hamilton of Ernst &

Young indicated that the

appointment of receivers

would not lead to a quick sale

of Butlers Wharf's assets, "It is

not the joint receivers inten-

tion to try and effect an early

sale of any of the company's

property." Mr Hamilton says

he is confident that there is a

valuable project waiting to be

completed in the longer term,

and that he had been assured

of support from the bankers.

rescue the scheme in a number

the quoted developer, was

a 50 per cent interest in the

scheme for about £10 million.

But it withdrew on the

Authority Bank brings in

administrators over £40m

By Neil Bennett, banking correspondent

THE property market slump and commercial schemes. It sidiary of Authority Invest-

has caused the collapse of took deposits from wealthy ments, the property devel-

and Mexico to recycle them in

in after the bank was unable to

pay interest to its investors. The bank depended on a con-

stant turnover of property

deals for its cash flow. Mr

Baird said a number of the

bank's customers were in trou-

cash was available and being

transferred to other accounts.

likely to face in the job, but

an important fuel source for

our country, and it is having to

adapt to changing circum-

dent of the National Union of Mineworkers, he said: "We

have the same interests fun-

damentally - to produce an

effective and productive coal

industry." However, he said it

was "inevitable that we will

see things from a different

Kevin Barron, the Labour

party's coal spokesman, said:

"I hope this appointment will

mark the end of a disastrous

decade when the government,

by doing nothing, created chaos." He said it was time for

"imaginative and innovative

point of view".

Of Arthur Scargill, presi-

stances in the market-place."

Authority Bank was a sub-

Administrators were called

the British property market.

Sir Terence has tried to

Wharf was in trouble.

Ernst & Young.

But yesterday a statement The success of Butlers from Ernst & Young, the Wharf was heavily dependent receiver, said that "despite on selling the highly-priced

Receivers were appointed led the shump in London's

considerable inroads into Sir of ways. This year, Regalian,

Five months ago, he sold a 5 believed to be close to buying

vested in Butlers Wharf, a grounds that its exposure to

Authority Bank, the Knights- investors in Brazil, Argentina

licence revoked by the Bank of ble. "We would suspect the

England two months ago, and loan book needs careful

had been preparing an appeal. examination," he said. The

Molins chairman to

head British Coal

THE government has named but had a good deal of learning

Neil Clarke, former chairman of Johnson Matthey, as chair-on the main difficulties he was

extensive search to find a said: "Coal has got a place as

available for comment, and million.

pany, withdrew from negotia-

According to the company's

shares in Butler Wharf. Other

shareholders include Roger

Sir Robert McAlpine, the

private contractor, has a 10 per cent stake and is also the

contractor for the project.

Conran Roche, Sir Terence's

architectural practice, is also a

After Regalian's with-

drawal, Morgan Grenfell was

retained to seek ways of

refinancing the company. In

the summer, Arthur Andersen

gave warning that if these

negotiations were unsuccess-

ful Butlers Wharf would be

opment and investment com-

pany, where Lord Lever was

president. The group and two

subsidiaries went into admin-

Authority Investments had

earlier suspended its shares at

50p, down from a high of 555p

in 1987, after failing to pro

vide any profit or loss figures since October last year. Its last

reported results, for the six

months to October 1989

showed a £1.78 million net

loss, compared with a profit of

At the time of its suspension

Authority Investments was

being run by Malcolm Hors-

man, a former director of Slater Walker Securities. Ap-

pointed in July, Mr Horsman

was the third managing direc-

tor in eight months after the

resignation of David Back-

house and David Innes. Slater

Walker was one of the most

spectacular property collapses

Last January, Authority

Investments made an attempt

to shore up its bank by buying

36 flats in west London from

Maingreen Group for £7.25

million. This allowed Main-

green to repay £2.2 million of

Lord Lever stepped down as executive chairman last Janu-

ary. Formerly Harold Lever,

he was a member of Harold

Wilson's and James Calla-

ghan's cabinets from 1974 to

1979, and an important ad-

Authority is the first bank to

be forced into administration since Brtish & Common-

wealth Merchant Bank in

May. The move will protect

the bank from its creditors

until the administrators can

present a reconstruction plan.

It is also the first significant

banking casualty of the prop-

erty market slump.

viser on economic policy.

in the early Seventies.

its debts to the bank.

istration last September.

nance on the project.

Rothschild.

convert the complex of listed

private property com-

pany controlled by Sir

Terence Conran, the for-

mer head of Habitat and

Storehouse, has been

placed in administrative

Sir Terence has struggled to

keep his ambitious scheme

afloat for months amid the

collapse of the residential and

commercial property markets.

intensive negotiations to en-

sure the survival of Butlers

Wharf, all efforts have failed".

after a request from the board

In July, Arthur Andersen,

the auditor, qualified the

company's accounts and re-

ported that the scheme had a

negative net worth of £6.6 million. Midland Bank is

believed to be owed the bulk

of the project's debts, which a

year ago stood at about £50

million and are believed to

have risen considerably since.

The failure of Butlers Wharf

is believed to have made

per cent stake in Storehouse

for £23.5 million, saying that

the proceeds would be in-

bridge lender once run by

Lord Lever, the Labour peer.

in administrators owing £40

million to 200 South Ameri-

can investors. Stewart Baird

and Ed Kirker, from Pannell

Kerr Forster, the accountant,

have been appointed admin-istrators. The bank had its

Authority Bank has £20

million of cash and £20 mil-

lion lent out to 70 residential

man of British Coal after an

successor to Lord Haslam of

Mr Clarke, former chief

executive and deputy chair-

man of Charter Consolidated,

will take up the post on

January I, initially on a part-

time basis for about three

months while a successor is

found for him at Molins,

Senior British Coal officials

were surprised by the choice of

Mr Clarke, who will be paid

£225,000 a year - a 45 per cent

increase on Lord Haslam's

salary of £155,000. Bob Reid,

chairman of British Rail, is

paid £200,000 and Sir Robert

Scholey, chairman of British Steel, £308,000.

Mr Clarke said the job was a

"great challenge and opportu-

nity". He said he knew a

certain amount about mining,

where he is chairman.

Bolton.

The bank was forced to call

being "very co-operative".

of Butlers Wharf.

receivership.

Disposals Receivers move **Stakis** top £30m

HEFTY profits on disposals, totalling £17.1 million, and almost £11 million of capitalised interest on new developments sent pre-tax profits at Stakis, the Scottish hotels and leisure group, ahead from £27.1 million to £30.6 million in the year to end-September.

A final dividend of 1.8p (1.6p) makes a total of 2.7p for the year, up from last year's total payment of 2.31p.

Farnings per share expanded to 12.06p (9.22p).

The company issued a warning that difficult times in the hotel trade would take their toll on future trading, while further profits from disposals would be limited.

Charles Bystram, the dep-uty chairman, said: "This year is going to be very tough and I don't think one is going to be in a position to sell hotels.

"Life is going to be difficult for lots of people. We will not have a bonanza. We're looking at the future very realistically."

Greenall payout goes up 15%

Greenall Whitley, the public houses-to-hotels chain, made pre-tax profits of £62.2 million, up 19.6 per cent, in the year to end-September on In the summer, Sir Terence sales up by only 1 per cent at said the Midland Bank was

Earnings per share rose 24.5 per cent to 38.1p and the final dividend is 6p, making 10p for the year, an increase of 15 per Terence's personal fortune.

The shares fell 13p to 324p.

J&FB results ahead 21%

Johnson & Firth Brown, the specialist metals and engineering group, increased its tax-able profits by 21 per cent to £12.3 million during the year to the end of September.

There is a final dividend of 2p a share, making a total of 3p, against 2.6p last time, payable from earnings a share of 6.4p, up 23 per cent.

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THE POUND

US dollar 1.9440 (same) German mark 2.8781 (+0.0039) Exchange index 93.5 (+0.2)

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INTEREST RATES

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London: Bank Base: 14% 3-month Interbank 13%-13272% 3-month eligible bills:13¼-1331e% US: Prime Rale 10% Federal Funds 71:6%*
3-month Treasury Bills 6.78-6.77%*
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Brent (Jan) \$27,00 bbl (\$26.00)

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TOURIST RATES Jepen Yen Netherlands Gld

appropriation of funds but had not been Mr Levitt's empire unravelled pub-

By ANGELA MACKAY

ROGER Levitt, chairman and founder

of the collapsed Levitt financial services

group, was arrested at his home yes-

terday while the companies fraud squad

of the Metropolitan Police raided several

Levitt offices in the West End and seized

Scotland Yard detectives arrested Mr

Levitt at his home in Highgate and took

him to the squad's headquarters in Hol-

born. Last night, Mr Levitt was being

interviewed in relation to alleged mis-

a number of boxes of documents.

Levitt Group chairman arrested three months ago. The company's plight deepened and KPMG Peat Marwick McLintock, the accountant, was appointed liquidator on Tuesday. Mr Levitt stepped down as a director of the Levitt Group two weeks ago at the insistence of Fimbra, the regulatory

The investigations now encompass the trade and industry department and the serious fraud office. Sources at Scotland Yard confirmed all three bodies had

been co-operating since Tuesday. Tim Hayward and Phil Wallace, the joint liquidators, made 201 employees redundant yesterday, but payments and

other companies within the Levitt Group, including the insurance broking arm, remain.

Mr Hayward said that liabilities amounted to £40 million, compared with assets of £10 million. However, it was becoming increasingly unlikely that there was any value left in the assets which implies a total deficiency of close to £40 million overall.

Fimbra advised clients who were concerned about their investments to contact their life insurance companies or the liquidators at Levitt's offices.

The regulator estimated there were about 4,000 to 5,000 active clients of Levitt, compared with a published figure procedures have been hampered by the of 18,000 that included those who used

£1.5bn loan lights up Power



National Power, due to be sold off by the government early next Neil Harland, left, signed the syndication document with John Seelig, the former Morgan Grenfell banker, and Lord year, signed a £1,500 million loan from a syndicate of more than Barker, the chief executive of National Power, and John Zutter,

70 banks yesterday, as required under the terms of the flotation. the managing director of Manufacturers Hanover.

Byrne goes as Waterford Wedgwood splits in two

businesses into separate operational units in a bid to after pressure from Mr reverse a severe profits col- O'Reilly and Fitzwilton, his lapse over the past three years. private company. The group's chief executive,

Mr Paddy Byrne, the former senior executive of Ford Europe who joined the group three years ago, is to resign. Mr Byrne says he fully supports the shift of corporate direction but sees no role for

After a crippling three month strike in its crystal division, the group is heading for losses of about Ir£20 million (£18.5 million) this year, according to Dublin analysts. In 1986, when Waterford Glass, one of Ireland's largest employers, acquired Wedgwood for £250 million the group turned in profits of £23.2 million.

In a move widely seen as a rescue operation, Mr Tony O'Reilly, chairman of the Heinz food group, and Morgan Stanley, the American investment bank, took a 29.9

WATERFORD Wedgwood is to split its crystal and china March. Analysts believe the proposed split has been agreed

> Sir Arthur Bryan, former chief executive of Wedgwood, described the planned changes as "better late than never." He added: "I would have prefered the decision had been taken 18 months ago but I realise these things take time." Comment-Byrne to leave the group, Sir

Arthur said:"A very sensible decision." Mr Howard Kilroy, the group chairman, said that each part of the group would have its own board, management, resources and balance sheet. The internal restructuring would help each management to concentrate on its own brands and to pursue global strategies neccessary for

their development. "In addition the two businesses will be more cost effective and significant group overheads will be eliminated.

said Mr Kilrov, Current trading performance was "in line with expectations," he added. To rationalise production Waterford's crystal division has reduced its manufacturing workforce by 1,000 to 2,300. Capacity is still greater than demand, which is affected by

currency movements. With sales showing little sign of picking up in the American and British markets, analysts saw the move as cutting crystal production costs drastically.

Shane Nolan, equities analvst at NCB stockbrokers. said: "If they are to return to profit, they will have to do a big chop on costs. I don't think there are any more redundancies in the pipeline in Ireland but it could be some thing as drastic as one month on, one month off for workers.

Waterford shares, 125p in 1988, recovered 2p to close yesterday at 23p.

Bear raid sends Next into dive

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH

NEXT, the retail group, became the latest victim of a bear raid which halved its already weakened share price and sent the City into a panic. By the end of the day a record 45 million Next shares had been traded.

The shares fell 8p to 71/2p at one point on rumours that the group was in emergency talks with its bankers but recovered to end the day at 14½p, down 14p, when the group put out a statement denying the rufull support of its bankers.

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Next shares have been falling steadily for months now. They started the week at 20p having been 80p a year ago. The share is one of the worst performers since the October 1987 crash, when the group was valued at £1 billion. In the nervous environment surrounding the stock it took only one large institution to panic and unload a large package of shares for the price to collapse. Analysts have cut forecasts for the current year from about £10 million to as little as £2 million.

Coats may cut final dividend

By OUR CITY STAFF SHARES in Coats Viyella dropped 15p to 98p, as Neville Bain, chief executive, gave warning that profits in the current year would be towards the bottom end of expectations. He also hinted at a cut

in the final dividend. Shares in Tootal the rival textile group, fell 10p to 70p, as dealers took the view that a bid for Tootal was now less likely. Mr Bain said Coats' British operations were being badly affected by the slowdown in retail spending, and were facing cheaper imports

due to sterling's strength. Analysts now expect Coats to make £105 million pre-tax in the year to December, compared with £137 million in 1989. With a smaller proportion of its profits earned in Britain, the company faces a higher average tax rate because of unrelieved advanced corporation tax habilities. At that level of profits, an unchanged dividend would not be fully covered. Comment, page 23

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EC piracy curbs will allow software analysis

THE European Community has measures, which were agreed in devised new rules to prevent software piracy, which it hopes will resolve the war of lobbying that has pitted large American computer companies against their mainly

European competitors. Computer manufacturers will be allowed to make their software compatible with each others' programs, but not if their aim is to steal a march on their rivals, under the

Outhwaite

in protest

over letter

to names

By OUR CITY STAFF

LEGAL advisers to the

Lloyd's Outhwaite underwrit-

ing agency, which is facing action over alleged negligent underwriting, have claimed that names are being pre-

vented from withdrawing

firm of solicitors acting for

Outhwaite, has protested

about a letter sent by Peter

Nutting the chairman of The

Outhwaite 1982 Names Ass-

ociation, 10 those members

who had asked to resign. The

firm is lodging a formal com-plaint about the letter with

Richards Butler, solicitor to

the rules of the association do

not allow withdrawals and

that members who refuse to

pay their subscription will not

share in the proceeds of a

successful action but could

still be liable for costs. The case revolves around £300

million losses resulting from

32 run-off contracts exposed

to asbestosis pollution claims.

executive of the Outhwaite

agency, said:"It is plain that

the names' association is

determined to see some of its

names continuing legal pro-ceedings whatever their per-

A spokesman for the associ-

ation said: "The association

has a duty to protect its

members from carrying addi-

tional costs, but the subject of

withdrawals is under

Under the terms of a "costs

amnesty" put forward by Outhwaite, 13 names have

been allowed to withdraw

from the association and will

not be liable for costs in the

event of an unsuccessful

Marjorie Mowiam, La-

prove the performance of the available.

sonal inclinations."

discussion.

Edward Bloxham, chief

The letter points out that

Davies Arnold Cooper, the

from the litigation.

the association.

principle yesterday by Community ministers responsible for the single market.

American computer firms bave initially hailed the new rules as a compromise that they could happily

IBM and other companies had feared that their attempts to dominate the European market might be jeopardised by smaller firms, such

Equiticorp

former

From RICHARD LONG IN WELLINGTON

months.

NZ Steel and Feltrax Inter-

national, among other groups

those arrested, but said he

named the company to avoid

speculation about other com-

panies. Statutory manager

137 companies in the Equiti-

corp group were not told in

advance of the arrests. The

managers have filed a NZ\$564

million writ against 17 people

and firms connected with

Equiticorp over share dealings and the sale of NZ Steel in

Eight months before Equit-

icorp collapsed in January

companies of the group into

one holding company, Equit-

icorp International, making it

a British non-resident com-

pany based in Hong Kong

with Australian headquarters.

managers to unravel.

early next year.

This left a tangled web of

provides for the forfeiture of

the proceeds of crime. This is

expected to be passed into law

handling the collapse of the

Mr Sturt refused to name

that were performing well.

former executives of Equit-

icorp, the New Zealand-based

investment group that used to

own Guinness Mahon, the

London merchant bank, have

been arrested in Auckland and

charged with 14 fraud offences

totalling NZ\$440 million

the New Zealand serious fraud

office, believes the case

against the group, which fol-

lowed an eight-month en-

quiry, is one of the largest

claims of its type in the world.

Mr Justice Sinclair initially

refused bail after yesterday's

arrest of Allan Hawkins, the

chairman, and the other six,

but his decision was overruled

by Mr Justice Tompkins and

all seven were released on bail

last night. They are to appear

in Auckland District Court

today to face joint and in-

dividual charges of conspiracy

Hawkins: released on bail

Insider record attacked

By Angela Mackay

THE Labour party attacked existing system. In the House

the government's record on of Commons, Dr Mowlam

prosecutions in cases of in- attacked the trade and in-

sider dealing and promised to dustry department's record

crack down on fraud in the and the performance of self-

bour's spokeswoman for City simplification of the criminal

and corporate affairs, yes- law on insider dealing and

terday announced a seven step suggested that civil as well as

approach to clarify and im- criminal remedies become

regulatory bodies.

The Labour party called for

84 OUT OF BRITAIN'S

Charles Sturt, director of

(£197 million).

as Britain's Amstrad, if these were allowed to plagiarise their software to produce cheaper competing ver-

sions of their own. For their part, the European computer software companies, which lobbied Brussels as vigorously as the Americans, have won the right to analyse their competitors' programs, but only in order to create "interoperable" systems of

The new rules give 50-year copy- mantle another's program without right protection to software throughout the Community.

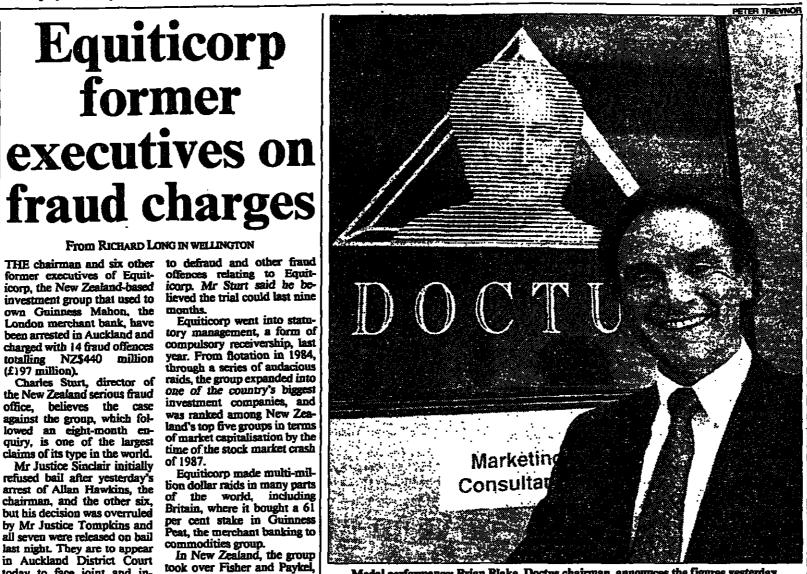
This is a big relief for the multinational companies, which until now have faced a lack of protection for their products in five Community states including Italy, Portugal and Greece.

Protection will last for 70 years in

One company may only dis-

prior authorisation if the creation of compatible system would be impossible without doing so.

This practice, known as "reverse engineering", will be illegal if the aim is "the development, production or marketing of a program substantially similar in its expression, or for any other act which infringes copyright", according to the new agreement.



Medal performance: Brian Blake, Doctus chairman, announces the figures yesterday

Doctus surges to £11.4m

By Jonathan Prynn

THE Teenage Mutant Hero Turtle and World Cup crazes this year have helped Doctus, the Manchester management and marketing consultancy group, to pre-tax profits of £11.4 million for the twelve sultancy division grew by 124 months to end-September, a 35 per cent rise on 1989.

The growth was mainly organic, with operating mar-11 per cent. Turnover in- Boss, an environmental con- 3.5p (3.05p) for the year.

million. Among contracts car- torily. ried out by the group's marketing consultancy dishare was held back to 13 per vision were World Cup med-cent at 18.07p by a £2.5 milals for Esso and Mutant Hero Medais for Woolworths.

The core management conper cent through organic expansion. Two new divisions set up at the end of the financial year, Doctus Tech-

creased by 10 per cent to £145 sultancy, are trading satisfac-The increase in earnings per

lion extraordinary item to cover closure costs and losses on disposals and by a 25 per cent rise in share capital due to

earn outs and acquisitions. divisions is ahead of last year. gins widening by 29 per cent to nology Services and Orr & A final 2.72p dividend makes

Hoskyns

profits

ahead at

By MATTHEW BOND

PRE-TAX profits at Hoskyns.

Britain's largest computer ser-

vices company, rose 13 per

cent to £17.25 million in the

Since July Hoskyns has

been 70 per cent owned by

Cap Gemini Sogeti, the

French software company.

CGS bought its stake from

GEC and Siemens after the two companies had acquired

the stake as part of their joint

takeover of Plessey. CGS can-

not acquire the balance of Hoskyns' equity until 1992, when it has pledged to offer

shareholders either 469p a share in cash, or 23 times

earnings, whichever is the higher. Hoskyns' shares closed

3p lower at 360p. Geoff Unwin, the chairman,

said that the higher profits had

year to October.

Brian Blake, the chairman, said trading in all three main

WATSON & PHILIP (Fin)

SOUTHEND PROP. (Int) Pre-tax: £2.61m (£4.3m) EPS: 1.66p (2.15p)

NMC GROUP (int) Pre-tax: £4.01m (£5.39m) EPS: 4.74p (5.97p)

MOORGATE TRUST (Int) Pre-tax: £1.18m (£1.05m) EPS: 3.09p (2.76p)

Div: 1.7p (1.6p) UNIT GROUP (Int) Pre-tax: £0.001 (£0.48m) EPS: NII (6p) Div: NII (2.5p)

MINING & ALLIED (Fin) Pre-tax: £0.15m (£0.73m) EPS: 0.002p (1.56p) Div: Nii (Nii)

BROMSGROVE (Int) Pre-tacc £4.11m (£3.32m) EPS: 6.71p (6.1p) Div: 1.45p (1.3p) been achieved in a very difficult year. Current trading was no easier. "Our customers are delaying spending on informa-

tion technology projects," he But, he added, the recession was increasing demand for Hoskyns' facilities manage-GRAINGER TRUST (Fin)

ment services, as companies sought to reduce fixed costs. Facilities management accounts for 48 per cent of

turnover. The company is paying a final dividend of 1.65p (1.45p) to give a total of 2.4p (2.1p).

By JONATHAN PRYNN EUROCOPY, the photo copier supplier criticised ove the sales practices of one of it subsidiaries, has given warning that the adverse publicing

may damage sales. The company has charge £286,000 for the year to end

Eurocopy pre-tax profit rose 60 per cent to £11.2 million (£7.1 million). Earn

BUSINESS ROUNDUP Money supply shows further sharp decline

THE latest weekly data from the Bank of England point to a further sharp deceleration in MO, the targeted money supply measure, reflecting a continued decline in consumer spending as the recession deepens. Banknotes in circulation, the main component of MO, rose 1.5 per cent in the week to last Wednesday, compared with the equivalent week last year, after a 2.3 per cent annual rise in the previous week.

The Bundesbank, meanwhile, intends to maintain a firm counter-inflationary stance, setting a 1991 monetary growth target corridor of 4 to 6 per cent and aiming for the lower half. American retail sales figures showed a 0.1 per cent fall in November, pulled down by a slump in car sales. Though it was the first drop in monthly sales since May, when they also fell 0.1 per cent, it was not as steep as expected. Excluding cars, sales rose 0.2 per cent last month.

Rent rises boost LMS

A CONTINUING rise in property rents helped London Merchant Securities (LMS), Lord Rayne's investment company, to increase pre-tax profits by 16 per cent to £13.7 million in the six months to end-September. The LMS group's development programme produced an increase in property rents of 8 per cent to £10.9 million.

Berisford in £38m deal

BERISFORD International has reached conditional agreement to sell its 25 per cent interest in the Grace Cocoa partnership for about £38 million. The stake has been sold to a subsidiary of WR Grace. Berisford said the disposal forms part of the process of restructuring to reduce the level of group gearing and generate maxi-

Bradstock ahead 31%

BRADSTOCK Group, the Lloyd's insurance broker, lifted pre-tax profits 31 per cent to £8.1 million in the year to end-September. The final dividend is 6.5p, up 18 per cent, making 9p for the year. The company plans a two-for-one stock split. Turnover grew 22 per cent to £20.1 million. The reinsurance division increased profits 34 per cent to £5.71 million. However, David Plunkett, chairman, said Bradstock

would mark time this year since profits are being hit by sterhing's strength against the dollar. The company is also being hit by "chaos in reinsurance market conditions" after heavy catastrophe loss claims from last winter's storms.

Chairman for Receivers in William Low at hairdresser

WILLIAM Low, the Dundee-based supermarket group, has appointed James Miliar, now managing director, as chairman and chief executive. Mr Millar succeeds Professor Christopher Blake, non-executive chairman, who is retiring after ten years on the board. Colin Mitchell, buying and marketing director, is appointed managing director of Wm Low Supermarkets.

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chain, has gone into receivership. The Croydon-based business, which has 20 shops in London and the Southeast, employs 170 people. Maurice Withall and Len Handscombe of Grant Thornton, the accountant, are appointed joint receivers. They are continuing to trade in the hope of selling the

Berkeley Group falls

BERKELEY Group, the South-east housebuilder, made a pre-tax loss of £750,000 in the six months to end-October, compared with a £2.2 million profit the year before, as falling house prices forced the company to make further provisions against unsold stock. Berkeley made an exceptional provision of £760,000.

That apart, James Farrer, chairman, says the company is in good financial shape. Net borrowings of £11.1 million last time have become net cash of £3.6 million at the half year end. The interim dividend is being maintained at 1.5p.

More BZW staff to go

BARCLAYS de Zoete Wedd, lar number of job losses today.

company links and money movements for the statutory While the New Zealand fraud office has no powers to retrieve any of the money involved, Mr Sturt said that workforce. legislation before parliament

expected to announce a simi-

the securities offshoot of City firms are keen to start

BZW has steadily reduced BZW is the fourth firm to its staff since the 1987 stock announce a redundancy round market crash began to affect in the past two weeks. Laing & profits. In February, it made

Barclays Bank, is cutting back their new financial years in its UK equity department for January with reduced overthe second time this year. The heads, after suffering stiff

redundant, a sixth of its market turnover in 1990.

firm is making 39 brokers competition and low stock

Cruickshank, the broker own- 13 redundant, with 19 in ed by Credit Lyonnais, is January last year.

City Diary, page 23 WORLD MARKET INDICES

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Europe	621.1	0.3	-18.4	0.3	-15.8	0.4	-1.5
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Pacific	2270.3	1.6	-42.8	2.0	-36.1	1.8	-30.9
Far East	3295.1	1.8	-43.1	21	-36.8	1.9	-31.3
Australia	232.7	-0.9	-33.0	0.0	-16.1	-0.7	-19.1
Austria	1417.0	0.7	-4.7	9.8	0.6	0.9	15.1
Belgium	726.2	0.2	-26.2	0.3	-23.4	0.3	-11.0
Canada	421.8	0.0	-29.8	0.0	-15.1	0.2	-15.2
Denmark	1109.4	0.8	-15,7	1.1		1.0	1.7
Finland	66.7	-0.4		-0.3		-0.8	-30.2
(free)	0.68	-1.0	-40,3	-0.9	~36.5	-0.9	-27.9
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ftaly	273.0	2.8	-29.2	3.0	-24.8	3.0	-14.5
Japan	3460.7	1.8	-43.9	2.2	-37.9	2.0	-32.3
Netherlands	735.6	0.5	-22.2	Q.6	-18.0	0.7	-6.1
New Zeatand	52.1	-3.3	-49.5	-24		-3.2	-39.0
Norway	1154.4	2.0	-14.0		-8.7	2.2	3.8
(free)	202.2	2.0	-13.4	2.2	-8.1	2.2	4.5
Sing/Malay	1489.1	1.2	-25.3	1.1	-18.9	1.3	-8.9
Spain	179.4	0.1	-24.2	0.2	-21.1	0.3	-8.5
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Switzerland	731.3	-0.3	-20,0	-0.2	-20.9	-0.2	-3.5
(free)	111.1	-0.6	-20.4	-0.5	-21.3	-0.5	-4.0
UK	646.4	0.4	-10.3	0.4	-10.3	0.5	8.2
USA	379.3		-21.5	0.2	-5.3	0.2	-5.3

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LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

COMPANIES IN BRIEF

EVE GROUP (Int) Pre-tax: £2.32m (£2.3m) EPS: 16p (15.9p) Div: 2.7p (2.5p)

Pre-tax: £5.1m (£3.75m) EPS: 21.3p (16.9p) Div: 8.5p, mkg 11.6p

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Div:1.25p (1.25p)

ARTHUR LEE (Fin)

Pre-tax: £5.12m (£7.74m) EPS: 11.04p (16.3p) Div: 4.25p, mkg 5.9p

Pre-tax: £3.2m (7.3m) EPS: 10.5p (23.3p) Div: 4.05p, mkg 5.25p

TR TECHNOLOGY (Int) Pre-tax: £2.54m (£2.18m) EPS: 1.99p (1.61p) Div: Nii (nii)

Sales loss feared by Eurocopy

September to cover the cost of releasing customers of it Purdie & Kirkpatrick subsid iary from improperly obtained contracts. Eurocopy inherited the problem when it acquired Equipu, Purdie & Kirkpat rick's parent, from Sketchle in February 1989.

million (E7.1 mnusou), ings per share were up 47 per Case 196 LEG

Balance sheet remains strong and the board is hopeful of another satisfactory result

Total dividend last year was 10.1p. Notwithstanding current economic climate, board looks forward to further progress in coming year.

Rental income up from 27.85m to 28.26m despite disposals. Sales of dealing properties lell from £5.99m to just £67,000.

Disposal of Bux produced cash receipts of £24,3m and resulted in significant improvement in group's net assets and gearing.

Last year's dividend and earnings adjusted for scrip issue. Gross revenue, £1.29m (£1.15m). NAV per share, 99.3p (118.1p).

Dividend policy for the current year will be reviewed at the time of reporting the full year's results, the board says.

Restructuring costs of £447,000 charged as extraordinary item. Sales rose from £16.7m to £25.7m but net interest charge doubled.

Specialist engineering maintained strong order books despite difficult trading conditions. Two financial services businesses sold at a loss.

Total dividend last year 5.8p. Sales almost unchanged at £120.8m but operating profits fell 23 per cent. Outlook remains difficult.

Total dividend last year 5.25p. Net assets per share have fallen from 551p to 351p. Gross rental income rose from 29.48m to 29.98m.

Total net assets fell by 15.1 per cent after a slump in technology share valuations. Total dividend of at least 2p (2p) forecast.

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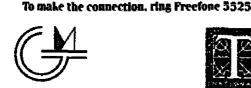
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ing." The third paragraph seven years ago a Bentley was ing." The third paragraph seven years ago a Bentley was DESPITE his own troubles, First Lord of the Admiralty.

eville Bain picked a fine time to move from Cad-bury Schweppes to chief executive of Coats Viyella when he made his switch in September. Instead of spending the run-up to Christmas counting the number of chocolate tree novelties, toothrotting gift packs and bottles of fizzy mixers that will be consumed over the festive season, he is having to think how to structure a string of cottage industries in textiles to cope with recession.

His first meeting with analysts in his new sector will be one that he would wish not to have undertaken. Instead of being able to outline his grand plans, brought to texules after 27 years in chocolate, he has to deliver the sorry message that profits will be at the bottom of the range and that the final dividend, if maintained, is unlikely to be

covered by after-tax earnings. The news might be welcome to Tootal, which sits in daily dread of the early morning drop that will tell the company it is again in play to Coats Viyella, but it will be just another sorry reminder tax rate rises. It is a problem that the textile industry in this afflicting Coats, and Trafalgar be just another sorry reminder

Weaving a sad story in textiles

country is never far from extinction. In the past few weeks, we have seen distress signals from Dawson International, one of the most modern and most marketled of the fraternity, and a number of other unmistakable symptoms of deep recession. Textiles feed the high street, and the consumer is off his feed. The stock chains have become shorter, and pain in retailing is felt instantly further back in the

None of this is likely to promp a sudden reversal of economic policy, even if today's retail price index does drop obediently back into single figures. But one aspect of the pain being felt by industry which Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, could address, and where he could make his name as a minor reforming Chancellor, is in advance corporation tax. The current structure means that as British profits sag, the effective

COMMENT

DAVID BREWERTON

House among others, and is a distortion which needs to be addressed. The problem is nothing new, and some companies have even gone so far as to make acquisitions simply to increase the proportion of British profits, rather than for any sound industrial reason,

In the meantime, industry has the uncomfortable feeling that the new prime minister is not aware of the depth of the recession into which this country is slipping. They worry that he still listens intently to the Treasury rather than to the industrialists at the coalface. Industry, faced with rapidly deteriorating conditions and wholesale loss of confidence, is seeking to reassure itself that if

only the prime minister knew how bad it all was, he would take action to reverse the decline and stimulate the economy. There may just be a nugget of reality in the skipful of self-delusion, in that the more industry squeals the harder it may be for Messrs Major and Lamont to stand their

Cracked glass

The merger of Waterford and Wedgwood, two of the finest names in tableware the world over, should have been a marriage made in heaven. It turned instead into something

closer to a nightmare. Waterford's glass is to Ireland as Gucci is to Italy or Rolls-Royce to Britain. Industrially however, Waterford has seemed more like Ireland's British Leyland in its worst days of outright strife between management and unions.

While Waterford's management grappled un-successfully with its militant unions, losses in the crystal division have soared to Ir£60 million in the past three years. Only steady profits from Wedgwood - it contributed almost Ir£40 million in 1988 and 1989 - kept the group on an even

In desperation, management let it be known it was considering a shift of production facilities to Czechoslovakia, a master stroke of how not to promote harmony on the factory floor.

Small wonder that the workers' response to further cost-cutting proposals early this year and a fresh injection of equity from a consortium of American investors, led by Heinz chief executive need became dire.

TEMPUS

Tony O'Reilly and Morgan Stanley, was a 14-week strike which cost more than Ir£10 million.

The departure of chief executive Paddy Byrne after this catalogue of disaster is hardly a surprise.

But the latest management plans to restore the group to an even keel are by no means easy to understand. For until the details emerge, they appear to fly in the face of conventional management wisdom.

Under the guise of restoring autonomy to the crystal and china operations, separate boards and management structures are to be created. It is difficult to avoid the view that some duplication will result. The board's assurance that considerable cost savings will result must be taken with a pinch of salt, for the time

being at least. Until the board reveals its plans in detail, there will be at least the suspicion among the workers and in the City that the separation has more to do with paving the way for a sale of the highly sought-after Wedgwood operations if ever the financial

THE role of Neil Clarke as chairman of British Coal will largely be determined by events outside his control. His future resis with the result of the next general election.

For the electorate, the choice could hardly be more clear. If John Major and the conservatives are returned, the pledge to privatise the coal industry given by Cecil Parkinson when he was energy secretary will be kept. If Neil Kinnock and the Labour party are elected, coal privatisation will be nothing more than a conservative dream.

Until then, British Coal officials privately believe that what Mr Clarke can best do is carry on where Lord Haslam will leave off when he steps down at the end of the month. Lord Haslam's priorities have been to improve British Coal's efficiency and to help ready the industry for the privatisation. The latter has been an ideological objective of the conservatives since the formation of the 1978 plan for the nationalised industries by Nicholas Ridley.

Mr Clarke inherits an industry in which a substantial part of that plan has been achieved. In what was in effect a farewell speech, Lord Haslam last week rehearsed the litany: since the end of the year-long miners' strike in 1985, the number of pits is down from 170 to 69; employees down from 221,000 to 10; productio down 40 per cent; productivity up from 2.37 tonnes per manshift to a record 5.01 tpm. From the huge losses of earlier years, the light of profit is glimpsed at the end of the tunnel: with an operating profit of about £150 million for the first eight months of the year, the winter months should lift that to £250 million, giving the first bottomline profit, of about £100

million, for 13 years. Lord Haslam was proud of the achievement: "The turnaround in the industry's performance since the dark days of the miners' strike has been, arguably, the most rapid, fundamental and relatively trouble-free restructuring of any major UK business since the second world war."

Coal chief's future rests with electorate



Neil Clarke: facing difficult market conditions

mining work at Charter one. Consolidated stands him in

chairman of Molins. Staying on was suggested to After the collapse of Johnson

Some at British Coal will be Lord Haslam, but he made it sceptical about whether Mr clear he was determined to go Clarke is the right man to at the end of the year. Mr carry forward Lord Haslam's Clarke emerged the victor, work. But those who helped although some are likely to see select the new chairman are the difficulties still facing Britfirm in Mr Clarke's praise: ish Coal as so substantial as to they say his background in make the victory a pyrrhic

Educated at Rugby and with good stead for the job, which a law degree from London he will do part time until a University, Mr Clarke qualisuccessor is found for him as fied as a chartered accountant and after specialising in com-Tyzack's, the headhunting pany taxation, moved to group, began final work on the Charter Consolidated in 1969. British Coal job in July, He eventually became managapproaching up to 60 people. ing director in 1979, chief It was a hard grind. Some executive a year later and turned the job down flat. deputy chairman in 1982.

Matthey's banking operation, he was appointed chairman of the precious materials group until he resigned last year. Mr Clarke, aged 56, is married with three children.

Regardless of privatisation, Mr Clarke will have to wrestle with the most difficult market conditions the British coal industry has ever faced. British Coal has a three-year breathing space with its main customers, the electricity generators, by means of a contract guaranteeing sales of 70 million tonnes for the first two years and 65 million for the third. Whether British Coal wins further contracts with the generators will largely be up to

He will also be pressed by the continuing need to "green" the industry as far and as fast as possible. The reduced but still potent figure of Arthur Scargill, president of the National Union of Mineworkers, will also still be there. Even though the NUM was beaten in the strike, and now has virtually no negotiating role at British Coal, Mr Scargill remains an important factor in the industry.

Privatisation, however, is the big issue. While some Labour party leaders might yearn secretly for a privatised coal industry to see off Mr Scargill for good, a conser-vative general election victory would lay down a full agenda for Mr Clarke. For a re-elected conservative government, coal privatisation is possible by taking it to market and selling shares in the manner of electricity, gas and others, but unlikely: the betting is that the spectre of Mr Scargill alone would be enough to scare

away would-be buyers. might: it is about the only More likely is an outright sale - Lord Hanson is mentioned as the most likely buyer

alhough a John Major government might balk at shifting a monopolistic nationalised industry in the public sector to what would be a similar position in private hands. From January 1, Lord Haslam gratefully gives up the burden, and Mr Clarke begins to await his fate.

> PHILIP BASSETT Industrial Editor

Avoid short stay in Stakis shares

EVEN hardened leisure sector analysts were taken aback by the ghastliness of the figures from Stakis yesterday, when borrowings of £151 million were matched with clean fullyear profits that failed to reach

On the face of it, pre-tax profits of £30.6 million in the year to end-September were 13 per cent higher than those of the previous year. But they included £17.1 million from disposals and £10.9 million of capitalised interest.

Against this, the company's interest charges rose from £3.7 million to £8.9 million. A clean profits figure of £2.62 million, therefore, should arguably be set against a comparable £18.2 million last

time. Stakis has long claimed that its policy of transforming a chain, relying on its Country Court brand, would inevitably generate profits from disposals that should come in above the tax line.

But the latest triennial revaluation, which gave a net asset value of 131p against a share price 1p lower at 47p yesterday, will combine with the lack of buyers for hotels to number for bring these profits to a halt this year. Trading conditions, mean-

while, remain difficult, with beld up by heavy discounting. The three Country Courts will take another year or more to come into their full potential. The board was keen to stress its conservative dividend policy yesterday. Well it

aspect of the accounts that deserves the label. Pubs, casinos and res-taurants are hardly an effective conterbalance, given the current climate, to the hotels division. At least one big player north of the border has looked Stakis over and walked away, while the shares months. Pre-tax profits of £20 million this year put the shares on a multiple of little £14.5 million of group more than 6.

The quality of earnings can only improve as the new hotels, pubs and casinos come on stream. Long-term gambiers, therefore, might take the view that the shares have bottomed out, while holders might as well hang on for the upturn. In the short term, the shares are best avoided.

Greenall Whitley

IT HAS been a year of upheaval for Greenall Whit-ley. The one-time brewer has closed its breweries, with the loss of 700 jobs, and emerged distinctly lacklustre hotels as a leisure company, con-portfolio into an upmarket centrating on running pubs, hotels and restaurants.

Greenall pushed profits above analysis' expectations for the year to end-September, but the City responded churlishly, marking the shares down 13p to 324p. Followers were disappointed both with the make up of the profits and with the unexpectedly high reorganisation costs.

Pre-tax profits for the year rose 19.6 per cent to £62.2 million on sales up 1 per cent share rose 24.5 per cent to 38.1p and the final dividend is 6p making 10p for the year, an Firth Brown increase of 15 per cent.

The healthy profit increase is due partly to a reduced tax charge and partly to higher than expected property profits at £12.2 million (£7.7 million). The interest charge has fallen to £18.6 million (£19.2 million) and the underlying operating profit rose by 6.5 per cent to £68.5 million.

The figures include a £57 million extraordinary charge, which included £48.8 million of brewery closure costs, £15.6 have halved over the past 12 million of writedowns and

rationalisation costs in the American hotels division and reorganisation costs. The charges were offset by a £22 million gain on the sale of the

group's interest in Vladivar Pubs and brewing increased profits by just 5 per cent to £38.8 million, affected by declining beer volumes. The brewery had not been profitable, but the managed and tenanted houses both in-creased profits. The Premier House restaurant chain increased profits by 15.9 per cent and the hotels division, which includes the De Vere chain, had a good first half but

ica had a difficult time. Gearing has fallen to 20 per cent. The group is cautious about trading in the current year and the hotel and more expensive retaurants are likely to suffer further with the recession. Greenall is set to make about £73 million this year, but only with the help of some £12 million of property profits. The shares are trading on roughly nine times earnings. not expensive for a brewer but

a bit on the high side for a

began to suffer in the second

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IT IS not often that the City urges an engineering company to go out and spend money on acquisitions, but that is proving to be the case with Johnson & Firth Brown.

J&FB is sitting on a cash pile of around £17 million and benefiting from high interest

Yet last year the company achieved a return on equity of no less than 20 per cent, comfortably exceeding the best rates offered by its

Taxable profits for the year to the end of September were 21 per cent higher at £12.3 million while earnings rose 23 per cent to 6.4p a share.

A final dividend of 2p a share makes 3p for the year, against 2.6p last time. Bolstered by a higher than anticipated interest receivable of almost £800,000, results

came in at the top end of City expectations and the shares, quiet of late, climbed 3p to Yet a cautious statement on current trading prompted analysts to trim back their forecasts to around £11.8 million pre-tax, still respectable against other recent results from the sector, putting the

shares on a p/e of less than

nine, offering a yield of eight per cent. Ironically, the prospect of lower interest rates is a factor

in the downgradings. However, this may provide the ideal opportunity to build

up holdings. J&FB has proved adept at squeezing better than average margins from mature businesses, notably from Firth Rixson in forgings and cast-

Commercial aerospace accounts for 25 per cent of turnover but business is otherwise broadly spread.

Takeover speculation faded when Suter sold its 7 per cent stake last year but there may be renewed interest in a solid performer with almost one quarter of its market capitalisation sitting in the bank.

This prospect should provide further incentive, if any were needed, to take advantage of its strong financial position and seek out some of the bargains which are likely to become available as the recession deepens. The recent acquisition of Cobden Chadwick, a manufacturer of printing presses, from the receivers proves that J&FB is not afraid of raiding the piggy bank.

THE 39 Barclays de Zoete Wedd employees who lost vision. Natural wasteage will take care of any further cuts that may be needed."

CONDEMNED by their own the financials sector, published on Tuesday, was headed "The iights dim in investment bank-

Spoilt for choice PETER Ward and Gerry Boxall, due to join the main board at Vickers in January, will receive more than the usual congratulatory letters. A traditional perk for all Vickers directors, because it owns the Rolls-Royce motor car company, is a choice of either a Bentley or a Rolls. Ward, aged 45, already has a Bentley Turbo, since he runs Rolls-Royce Motors, but Boxall, aged 54, and chief executive of Vickers Defence Systems,



manufacturer of Challenger 2 tanks, will now be able to upgrade his company car. While he decides which model to plump for, Ward has silenced the old debate as to whether a Bentley or a Rolls is more expensive. Excluding specialist coach-built models, the top of the range Bentley Turbo R is now £4,000 more words ... a BZW circular on expensive - at £108,994,22 than the top of the range Rolls Royce Silver Spur. When Ward joined Rolls-Royce

credibility it there were not smoother ride and more regal Levitt had pledged £150,000 appearance, while the Bentley to help Race Aid, which aims appearance, while the Bentley is targeted at entrepreneurs of to drive the car themselves. "It has a younger, sportier Bentleys are driven much more and that, after two years, the average Bentley will,

> compared with 10,000 on a Rolls-Royce. SO INDUSTRIOUS are Japan's white collar workers that, according to a survey conducted by Fukoku Life market district, 40 per cent

Al be seeing you

actually die from overwork.

CREDIT Suisse First Boston has lost yet another of its key employees, this time Al Noor Ramji, who was head of its treasury operation. Ramji, who had been with CSFB for six years, joins Swiss Bank Corporation next week as head of its systems department, "He will be responsible for all our systems development and computer operations," says a delighted spokesman for SBC. "He is very well known and one of the best in his field."

Racing in

tion has been reversed in Course Walker via his Wil

the City and within the securi- says, adding that the Rolls is stepped in to help a racing ties industry it would defy designed for people who like charity left in the lurch after to raise £1 million in 1991 for the baby boom era, who want Royal Marsden Hospital's cancer appeal, but it had only given £20,000. "The racing image." It follows then that industry is cancer-prone because of all the bruising and injuries suffered by jockeys." says Malcolm Harrison, one according to Ward, have of its organisers. Since an 40,000 miles on the clock, anonymous donor telephoned of its organisers. Since an to say he will guarantee Race Aid has sufficient support, William Hill has offered administrative and promotional help and the Royal Garden Hotel, Kensington, has volunteered to host a fund Insurance in Tokyo's stock raising ball in April. A number of top jockeys and trainers now fear that they could have promised to donate I per cent of their 1991 earnings and owner Fred Barr has promised

After mourning

CHAMPAGNE sales are expected to fall 10 per cent in Britain next year because of the recession and price rises. But Sir Winston Churchill's favourite grande marque is none the less sanguine about the future. Pol Roger, in Epernay, has finally replaced the black border on their finest product, the Sir Winston Churchill Cuvée, A quarter of a century after his death they have come out of mourning and inserted a navy blue border to mark his years as

BOC chief ready to hand over to successor in 1992 RICHARD Giordano, the businessman, and last year American chairman and chief managed a respectable executive of BOC Group, the £937,000. He took over as

company, is to bow out in 1992

He will be succeeded as chief executive by Patrick Rich, 59, a Frenchman from Alsace-Lorraine, currently deputy chairman, next year. M Rich will take on the dual role one year later.

Mr Giordano, 56, said he originally wanted to leave the company in October 1989. "I told my board that I wanted to do this job for ten years," he said,"Ten years would have been long enough from my standpoint and the company's. I also believe that these jobs should be capped to ten years anyway." His decision to stay on as chairman until 1992, he said, is to ensure an orderly transfer of responsibility to M Rich, who moved to Britain earlier this year. when he took over as deputy chairman.

M Rich, who joined the board of BOC in 1983 as a expressed concern about non-executive director, was formerly chief executive of Alcan Aluminium SA, and has termism] is a problem. It is spent a number of years working in Canada and South America. He said he was greatly concerned about the possibility of a failure of the Gatt negotiations, which might lead to a trade war and the establishment of large trading blocks. The damage of a Gan failure, to companies

East, would be limited but he

Surrey-based industrial gases chief executive in 1979 and took the chairmanship in 1985.

M Rich speaks five languages, his native French, English, German, Portuguese and Spanish. Both men claimed there was no symbolism attached to the choice of 1992 for the transfer, but they admitted that during the 1990s the company, whose European presence is still small, will increasingly thrust itself upon the continental European market.

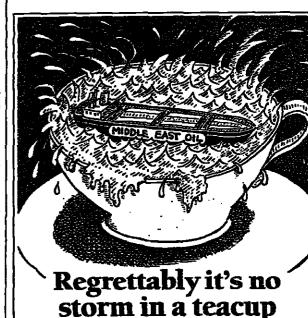
BOC was one of Britain's most successful companies in the 1980s during which period the share price rose over tenfold.

Mr Giordano said he considers his company's prosperity during the period as his greatest achievement, while his greatest regret was not to have made even more money for his shareholders. Mr Giordano has frequently

short-termism in British industry. "I still think it [shortimplicit in our business environment. Everyone blames everyone else. But it is important that we recognise it exists. I sense that there is a feeling to brush it aside like a

social disease," he said. Mr Giordano will stay on as a non-executive director after he has relinquished his posts. like BOC, which operate fac- He said he has not made any tories in the US and the Far firm plans for his future.

said the overall economic WOLFGANG MUNCHAU consequences could be severe. European Business The comprehensive on the street of the stree



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TOKYO **Index jumps** 643 points

heavy index-linked buying overwhelmed selling which was spurred by yesterday's expiration of the December futures contract. The Nikkei index closed up 643.56 points or 2.68 per cent, at 24,642.97. It was the Nikkei's seventh consecutive day of gains.

 Hong Kong - Stocks ended easier, showing little reaction to strong performances on Wall Street and in Tokyo. The Hang Seng index slid 10.67 points to 3,150.12. (Reuter)

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French lose taste for water and sell two big stakes

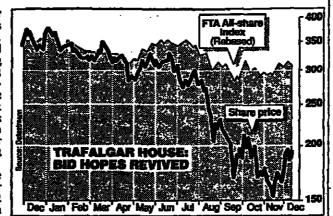
THE French obsession for British water companies is showing signs of wearing thin. Générale Lyonnaise decided to call it a day and sold big holdings in both Severa Trent and Wessex in the marketplace. Smith New Court, the broker, was chosen for the task of selling the stakes to various institutions. Smith has begun to establish a reputation for disposing of holdings without

Smith managed to place 6.15 million Wessex shares, or 6 per cent of the company, at 237p each and 7 million Severn Trent shares, or 2 per cent of the equity, at 230p each with institutions. The entire transaction was completed in 25 minutes and oversubscribed.

The rest of the water com-panies faced further losses but managed to close above their lows for the day. Anglian fell 4p to 268p, Northumbrian 1p to 279p, after 274p, North West 3p to 262p, Southern 2p to 241p. South West 6p to 260p. Wessex 9p to 246p and Yorkshire 7p to 265p. The water package fell £32 to £2,578. The only gains were in Thames, 2p to 265p and Weish, 2p to 283p.

Electricity shares lost ground as the initial euphoria continued to wane. Eastern fell 3p to 144p, with 5.3 million shares changing hands, East Midland 24p to 142p (6.3 million), Manweb 4p to 159p (3 million), Midland 3½p to 139p (3.7 million), Northern 2p to 144p (3.3 million), Norweb 2p to 149p (3 million), Seeboard 3p to 143p (1.7 million), Southern 3½p to 143p (5 million) and Yorkshire 3p to 153½p (6.4 million). London managed a rise of 1/2p to 140p (5 million), while South Wales was unchanged at 167p (5.1 million) with South West at 146p (4.3 million).

The rest of the equity market shrugged aside the words of gloom from Norman Lamont, the Chancellor. Prices rallied after a nervous



ity in the futures market. The Trafalgar Hoese, the con-FT-SE 100 index struction and property group, recovered from a fall of 9 by 6p to 198p. The speculators points to finish 15.3 higher at are talking about a bid soon 2,172.2. Turnover remained dull but the final figure was again swollen by trading in the electricity shares and several large placings. The FT index of 30 shares rose 12.7 to 1,704.9.

Government securities were maintain the dividend, which

left nursing falls of £14 as the City took to be a defensive Marks and Spencer tumbled 7p to 224p after a downgrading by Houre Govett — the second in two weeks. Heare has cut its forecast for the carrent year by £15 million to £615 million and its estimate for 1992 from £715 million to £690 million. It blames disappointing performances from both the food and non-food sides, underlined by profit warnings from two big suppliers, Northern Foods and Coats Viyelia.

hopes for a cut in interest rates

Next, the troubled retailer, more than halved in value, touching 61/2p at one stage, on reports that the group was in important talks with Lazards, its merchant banker. The group denied this and finished only 14p lower at 144p. Trading conditions have been difficult for retailers, but Next is forecasting a profitable outcome for the current year.

A profits warning left Coats Viyella 15p cheaper at 98p. The group says trading in British has continued to worsen and that profits will dividend, if maintained, will

Rechem, the waste disposa

group, was suspended at 574p at the company's request as was the rival Shanks & McEwan at £12.95. This immediately started speculation that the groups were about to propose a merger.

Bid speculation lifted

from either Hanson or BTR.

Trafalagar reported a sharp

drop in pre-tax profits last

in the building industry and

the collapse in the property

market. But it managed to

The Asda supermarket chain eased 2p to 121p in the wake of a downgrading by Kleinwort Benson, the broker. The interim figures next month are expected to show pre-tax profits dropping from £83.5 million to £60 million. But Kleinwort says that conditions have deteriorated furfall short of expectations. The ther since then - especially in

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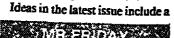
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A MONTHLY publication for inventors trying to turn ideas into a business has proved so popular that it is more than doubling the number of issues and going international (Rodney Hobson writes).

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By RODNEY HOBSON

SANTA Claus and Wendy Mackie know that making Christmas presents takes all year. Soon after this year's festivities end Mrs Mackie will be back in her workshop carving rocking-horses.

She says: "Over the years I have done a lot of woodwork. I made my own kitchen. I adore carpentry and I adore horses and making rocking-horses is a great way of combining the two.'

Mrs Mackie set up Rowen Rocking Horses, her one-woman business, on a small farm near Londonderry, Northern Ireland. three years ago, when a friend visiting from London asked her to make a wooden borse. Last year, with a farm diversification grant, she installed a workshop.

It is a labour intensive business. Apart from carving the wood, Mrs Mackie has to be a leather worker and an artist. She says: "I start with planks of wood and sides of leather. I make the whole thing The leather work is intricate and

the seven coats of paint are painstakingly applied by hand.

A horse is likely to take six weeks from start to finish, absorbing 100 hours of work, so only 30 horses have been made over the past three years. Each is unique, with the name of the child it is meant for carved onto the rockers. The horse also bears its own name,

chosen by the buyer. She says: "I make them individually for each family. Customers have a chance to make some input into the design. They can choose the colour of the horse, including its mane and tail, and also the colour of the leather. Most horses are her own design

Carving success: Wendy Mackie, with one of the borses, in her workshop near Londonderry and are more realistic than trauntil 10pm during the autumn. ditional models. They are built to give the appearance of movement

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with one foreleg lifted. Materials are chosen carefully. The wood must not warp or twist in a centrally heated room and Mrs Mackie has found that obeche, a west African hardwood, is best for the body and red mahogany for the rockers.

Demand is seasonal, with a couple of orders during the year and the rest of the sales at Christ-

mas. She is often in the workshop That means a heavy work the Shetland Islands, where it would have measured up to a

schedule for Mrs Mackie, who has four children to look after as well as helping to feed and milk cattle. However, she does not want to take on staff, even for just the basic work.

Prices range from £750 to £1,000. A shop in London would probably be able to charge twice as much but Mrs Mackie sells only direct to customers. About half

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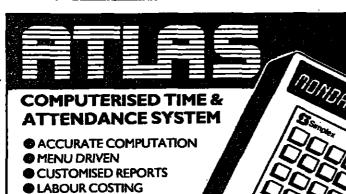
Mrs Mackie also restores rocking horses, although restoration can take just as long as starting from scratch. She says: "Customers think it just needs a coat of paint and a new bridle but when you start work it falls to pieces in

SMALL businesses could be badly affected by government changes to the statutory sick pay scheme now going through Parliament, according to the Forum of Private Business (FPB), the small firms lobby group. The plan is to cut back the amount of statutory sick pay reclaimable by employers from 100 per cent to 80 per cent allied to an offset of between £200 million and £250 million of reduced employer National Insurance contributions. Small firms will face an increased paperwork burden and a greater cost in complying with a changed system, the FPB claims. .

Computerisation is not the panacea for small businesses if their control systems are in a mess, according to the Manual Business Systems Association. It says that good systems are the key and for many businesses manual systems are appropriate, especially since they are cheaper than computer systems. The association has produced a video cassette to help firms choose the right system. More details from the association at 44 High Street, Eccleshall, Staffordshire ST21 6BZ; phone 0785 850811.

A three stage course for Scottish business managers is being run in Edinburgh by Innovative Management. An introductory seminar on January 26-27 is followed by a five-week evening course in February-March and a consultancy service in March-April Stage one costs £199, stage two £180 and stage three £500. Details: 031-557 2222.

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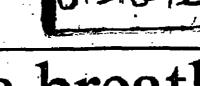
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asks Kevin Eason, Motoring Correspondent

ohn Dee stopped at the pub after a tough day at his City
office. Three whiskies later,
he settled back into the driver's seat of the family Volvo feeling more relaxed for the journey home to Hertfordshire.

He was almost home when he was stopped by police, who had noticed a faulty sidelight. They carried out a breath check. Although Mr Dee was only just over the limit, 30 years' safe driving was blemished by a court appear-ance, a fine and a 12-month ban. Mr Dee is not a criminal. He

was careless, and is one of hundreds of normally law-abiding drivers who will be similarly caught out, particularly in the runup to Christmas.

The rule should be black and white. If you drink, do not drive. The reality, however, is several shades of grey. Many genuinely attempt to obey the law but make a mistake. Mr Dee, a businessman, whose name has been changed to avoid embarrassment, is one. He believed he was within

his limits after three whiskies. He was clearly wrong, but how could he tell? The absorption of alcohol produces different results in different people on different days, and the amount of alcohol in drinks also varies enormously.

Mr Dee says: "I calculated that three drinks were close to the limit, but certainly not over. Maybe the drinks were generous, or maybe I did not realise just how

ROADTEST

SOMEBODY will have to change

the script. Question: Why does a

Skoda have a heated rear wind-screen? Answer: So that drivers

can keep their hands warm push-

of UK car sales, can throw the joke

book on the fire (Kevin Eason

writes) and warm his hands over

the prospect of a takeover by

Volkswagen, which was an-nounced this week and will secure

the future of the little Czecho-

tual 70 per cent share of the company and will help to launch a £3 billion investment programme

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Peter Titterton, Skoda's director

ing the car back to the garage.

quickly my body absorbs alcohol." If Mr Dee had breath-tested himself, could it have saved him from driving into trouble? Sir Ian Lloyd, Conservative MP for Hav-ant, Hampshire, believes it could have and is advocating the fitting of do-it-yourself breathalysers in every public house and bar.

The police and motoring organisations, however, claim that barroom tests encourage drinkers to consume an amount as near the legal limit as possible before driving. This check also does not take account of the akohol absorption time.

Sir Ian says similar devices in Australia have contributed to an 80 per cent reduction in drinkdriving offences. He says: "It is in everyone's interest for these ma-

Chines to be available."

But Andrew Howard, the Automobile Association's head of road safety, warns: "A DIY kit may not be as accurate as the Home Officeapproved breathalyser used by police. It is not recognised as a defence in court and could encourage drivers to continue

drinking up to the limit."

One of the machines becoming available in Britain is the Patriot 5000, claimed to use the same technology as breathalysers in the United States. Drinkers put 50p in a slot before blowing through a

straw for an alcohol readout. Alan Parrish, Patriot UK's managing director, says the device helps to deter drivers who may be reassurance," he says.

and engine production and new

The decision emphasises the

investment opportunities in the

East. The fact that the Germans

had to fight off a joint Renault-Volvo offer shows how valuable

Even though sales have been around 13,000 a year in Britain,

Skoda has suffered an awful reputation. The Skoda jokes have

plagued the company for years. Yet there is no real evidence that

Skodas warrant the reputation,

and the cars have often had an enthusiastic welcome from the

normally critical motoring press.

themselves. The company won the

manufacturer's prize in this year's

Skoda's rally successes speak for

Skoda was thought to be.

assembly lines.



Playing safe: a customer at Hollywoods nightchib takes the breath test before taking the wheel

near the legal limit instead of letting them guess their own alcohol levels.

Dr Paul Williams, the market-ing director of Lion Laboratories, which makes breathalysers for the British police, says bar-room devices need to be maintained to give accurate checks.

Nodd MacDonagh, the general manager of Hollywoods nightclub in Romford, Essex, has a Patriot breathalyser on the premises, and says it is a useful deterrent to drinking and driving. "At this time of year, the driver will always be pressured into having a glass of champagne at the office party. It would be easy to slip over the limit, but this machine gives

High-technology Skoda has the last laugh

Mitsubishi, indicating the compa-

road cars are relatively spartan, as

I discovered in test-driving the

There is no doubt that Skoda's

ny's engineering expertise.

HOW STRONG IS THAT BEER?

new Favorit 136LS, but it is ample, the boot space is 19.4 cu ft,

LOW-ALCOHOL drinks could be a fool's way to a driving ban. The Automobile Association said this week that drivers often choose low-alcohol brews, not realising that those beers and lagers could put them over the limit.

Alcohol content ranges from normal drink. But always check.

helping by stating the number of units of alcohol on cans and bottles to guide drinkers. The AA

difficult to complain about cars at

prices that start below £5,000 and

The car's styling is now distinc-

tively western, the interior space is

offer such good value.

gives the following strengths: Keg: Kaliber 0.05 per cent; Beck's Bier 5.0; Holsten Export 5.1. McEwan's lager 4.0; Beck's Bier 5.0; Budweiser Budvar 5.0;

0.05 to 6 per cent, and the description "light" or "lite" beer does not always mean it is low in alcohol. A rough guide is that three low-alcohol beers equal one Tesco, the supermarket chain, is

Carlton LA 0.9: Harp 3.5; Hofmeister 3.5; Kestrel 3.5; Foster's draught 3.5; Labatts 3.8; Miller Lite 4.2; Budweiser 5.0; Bottled and canned: Safeway Dutch lager 0.3; Asda low-alconol lager 0.5; Safeway Swiss lager 0.5; Sainsbury's low-alcohol 0.6; Tesco Danish lager 0.9; Sainsbury's Dutch lager 3.0; Kestrel 3.5; Grolsch 5.0; San Miguel 5.4; Holsten Pils 6.0; Kronenbourg

and the Favorit 136LS has as

standard a laminated windscreen,

fog lamps, rear seats that split

60/40 for extra loads, a tinted

Driving is energetic. The car has plenty of acceleration for town driving and can cruise easily on the motorway at 70mph. A tengallon fuel tank makes 500 miles

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ROADWISE

Red sales to slowcoaches

THE waiting list for Russian-built Lada cars is seven years long, so prosperous Soviet drivers are turning to foreign models filtering on to the market. Volvo sales will almost treble to 1,500 cars next year, and Renault has just sent its first cars to Moldavia, astonishingly fulfilling an order for company cars. Volvo is stepping up its sales effort with an advertising campaign that has been masterminded by Volvo Concession-aires, the UK importer, and consists of 40 posters between Moscow airport and the city.

Porsche, not to be outdone, is following the lead of other ambitious manufacturers hoping for sales in the East. The company has established sales and service points in Hungary and Poland and is planning further outlets in Romania and Yugoslavia.

Free and easy Fiat

FIAT is introducing a single gear automatic transmission version of its Tipo model in Britain. The Tipo 1.6DGT Selecta follows the trend towards easy-to-handle town cars with power steering and a variable gearbox, which has no changes as in the normal automatic, mated to an 86 brake horsepower engine. The price is

Subaru price rise

PRICES of Subaru cars are up between 3.1 and 7.1 per cent this month, although the company says the figure for some models have been increased for the first time in two years. The base model Justy 1.2 SII 4wd three-door is now £7,198 and the Legacy 2.2GX estate £16,798.

Time for old time

THE entry list is open for the Esso Bristol to Bournemouth Vintage Vehicle Run, which is on Sunday, June 9. There is room for 350 pre-1940 cars, motor cycles and light commercials able to take on the 97-mile run, which is organised by the Yeovil Car Club in Somerset.

Take a screen test

THE blind leading the invisible? The Association of British Insurers found, after speaking to 1,000 drivers, that 78 per cent believed the over-50 age group should have regular eye checks. But the 40 per cent of drivers who do not clean their windscreens must themselves have impaired vision. The survey also found that 72 per cent

do not wear any reflective clothing at night. The association warms Grivers they must do more to improve vision and visibility, particularly at this time of year.

Drivealongamax

HOOPER & Co, one of only two coachbuilding companies authorised by Rolls-Royce, has started restoration of classic cars, many of which it originally produced in its own workshops. One of the first jobs is to rebuild a 1950 Hooper-bodied Daimler, owned by Max Bygraves, the entertainer.

Money on a plate

DRIVERS spend their money on the most amazing things. The sale of registration numbers, which was received with a few gufflews in the industry when announced last year by Cecil Parlanson, then the transport secretary, has raised more than £20 million. The too price was £202,000, for !A. ELV 1S was bought for £75,900.



Flash, bang, wallop

HANDY to from Sun Alliance, the large insurance group, for motorists on the wrong end of a crash this winter. Buy a small "throwaway" camera, available at most chemist's and photographic shops for a law pounds, to keep in the glove box. If you are involved in an accident, photograph the cars and location to use as evidence in a claim. Gail Roberts, the underwriting manager at Sun Alliance, says pictures may help to refresh the memory of the motorist and sort out disputed claims.

Fast Romeo

THE fastest Alfa Romeo saloon is launched in Britain this week. The 147mph Aifa 164 Cloverles: develops 200 brake horsepower from its refined 3-little V5 engine. enough for acceleration from 0 to 60mph in 7.5 seconds. The price of the car, which also has a threeway catalytic converter as standerd, is £25,965.

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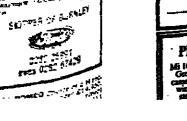
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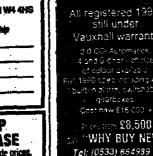
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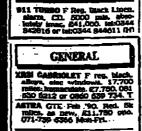
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completed Test innings. Since

West Indies have now failed

to do so on any of their last

three tours (18 innings), New

Zealand on either of their last

two (11 innings) and England,

when they last came, in six

innings. The time has come

for a memorandum from the

International Cricket Council

to the Pakistan board remind-

ing them of the need for a

more natural balance between

Although by last Tuesday

were visibly frayed, Desmond

Haynes, their captain, and

England, on average English pitches, West Indies would

probably have won. That they

failed to do so in Pakistan had

nothing whatever to do with

There were mistakes, as

there always will be, but these

went both ways, and a pair of

the umpiring.

1984, that is,

IN SOME respects the drawn and pay so little for them was to have made many fewer. Test series between Pakistan not at all what Pakistan had and West Indies, which ended intended. here on Tuesday, was absorbing. In others it was un- than the batsmen who benesatisfactory. So determined were the Pakistanis to deprive predictable draws of yesterthe West Indian fast bowlers of the bounce which is their most telling weapon, that the much the other way. Today, pitches they prepared denied attacking batsmanship is selthe batsmen on both sides the dom seen. Discounting India chance to give of their best.

Only in Pakistan could it have been the kind of series it was. Not even over the border, in the days when India had the best spinners in the world, did they go to such lengths to nobble the opposition. That West Indies won the second Test match after losing the first, and had much the better of the third, was greatly to their credit.

In his heyday, Abdul Qadir would have been all but unplayable on the Lahore pitch in the last Test match. Now, sadly, he lacked the confidence to throw the ball up, or to try, more than very occasionally, any of those wicked googlies with which he used to make batsmen look as though they might never have evening West Indian tempers played before. Had Pakistan had their spin attack of a few years ago they would have Lance Gibbs, the manager, won the series. As it was, in had taken the rough with the the last two Tests their slow smooth a good deal more bowlers played only a minor philosophically than some role. sides I can think of. Played in

It is disappointing when, in a land which was traditionally a spinners' stronghold, the fast bowlers hold sway. Of the 97 wickets to fall in the Test matches (run-outs excluded) they claimed 85 - at only 19 runs apiece. That the four West Indians - Marshall, Ambrose, Walsh and Bishop English Test umpires would were able to take 44 of those have needed to be at their best

Pakistan cancel tour

pulled out of the Asia Cup tournament in India, which was due to start on Christmas Day and have asked for an indefinite postponement of the full tour which was to have followed immediately (Qamar Ahmed

The Pakistan decision follows the recent communal violence various Indian cities. The ur was to have included five Test matches and five one-day

Arif Ali Abbasi, secretary of the Pakistan board, whose own nephew has been killed in

BOB Evans, the deposed War-

wickshire chairman, yesterday offered a peace formula to avert

Speaking publicly for the first

our players is our main priority. We cannot afford to take any chance of exposing them to hooligans in the situation as it is." It seems that the Pakistan office also advised against the tour.

● Both Pakistan and Sri Lanka

have named two uncanned players in their 14-man parties for two one-day internationals in Sharjah next week. Pakistan have introduced the batsmen, Chulam Ali and Asmir Schail Sri Lanka have included Charith Senanayake, a batsman, and Pramodaya Wickrema-singhe, a fast bowler. Sri Lanka's squad will go on to India for the

available at any time during the

next three weeks to meet the

proposals for reform that prompted his dismissal and that

of Peter Bromage, chairman of

the county's finance and general

purposes committee.
"We are saddened that the

My own "man of the series" was the new young umpire, No one questions, other fited from them, that the

Riazuddin, whose bearing and judgment throughout the three Tests impressed everyone. Mike Gatting's old adversary, Shakoor Rana, has year were a bore. Now, become, by the way, an isothough, things have gone too lated and disenchanted figure: no less than Gatting, he has paid the price for his con-- when they play here the founded obstinacy.

As encouraging as anything for West Indies was the way case, by some awful chance. Carl Hooper broke free of his - the five countries that tour inhibitions. So long as he is not overawed when he gets back into the daunting pres-ence of Vivian Richards, as he is said to have been in the past, he could go on now to achieve great things.

Except during the three overs in which he decided the second Test at Faisalabad, Marshall was comparatively ineffective and grumpier than anyone. It will not be fair on David Williams, West Indies' second wicketkeeper, if Jeff Dujon's Test career continues for much longer, and either the years are at last catching up with Gordon Greenidge or he is waiting to be restored by the sights of England's bowlers running in at him next

Handicapped by the usual undercurrents and overtones within the camp, and by selectorial waverings, Pakistan had begun to look a fairly ordinary side by the end of the series. Their fielding is not of the standard it should be, and what had looked a balanced attack in the first Test had become almost entirely reliant on Wasim Akram for penetration.

After taking 14 wickets for 166 runs in the first three West Indian innings, Waqar Younis had to settle for two for 120 in the last three.

That Wagar seemed to lose his way is hardly surprising. To come from almost literally nowhere, hardly knowing of the existence of first-class cricket, to being the terror of the cricket world while still only 19 is bound to bring some

Whether in the process he was shown what could be done with the ball by tamper- 68. Nick Faldo, ill-at-ease durfind out. If he was, his next 50 Test wickets will take him a good deal longer than his first (ten matches) with the umpires on the warpath.

ing us the opportunity to talk them through," he said. "But we hope they will reconsider."

Mark Robinson, the former

Northamptonshire fast bowler,

is to join Yorkshire. Robinson, aged 24, was born in Hull.

scored 68, to move within four shots of the lead. He is in a fiveway tie for ninth place. Rafferty, winner of two tournaments in Europe this year, can rarely be accused of overenthusiasm about his efforts and Evans out to defuse power struggle this round was no exception. "It was a fairly dull round after my great start," he said. "I have not played for two weeks and I'm last week, Evans said he was committee has resolved to opfinding it a bit difficult to get

pose the resolutions at the annual meeting without allowback into the groove." The highlight of Woosnam's round was an eagle three at the putt. "I am pleased with the way am playing," Woosnam said. However, he is rather ring-rusty after a three-week break. "I am

is a shot clear of his successor as

winner of the European Order of

Merit, Ian Woosnam, who had a

Woosnam boosted by an eagle three

Perplexed: Rafferty working out his line at the 10th

GOLF

HONG Kong (Reuter) - Ronan Raffierty's round of 69 here yesterday, which he described as "boring old stuff", was enough to give him the lead at the halfway stage of the \$350,000 (around £180,000) Johnnie Walker Asian Classic. Faldo was happier with his swing but not with his luck on the greens. "I have got to hole some more putts, that is the key to winning this," Faldo said. He oulled out of last week's Austra-The Northern Ireland player

sic with a recurrence of a wrist injury.

The joint first-round leader, David J Russell, slumped to a

Anders Forsbrand, of Sweden, set a record for the amended course with a round of

LEADING SECOND-ROUND SCORES: 136: R Rafferty (GB), 67, 68, 137: 1 Woosrash (GB), 69, 68, 138: T Hamilton (US), 69, 69; C Montgomerie (GB), 68, 70; R Zokoi (Card, 70, 66; R Gibson (Card, 69, 69; A Binaghi (f), 69, 70, 139: L Porter (US), 69, 70, 140: N Faklo (GB), 72, 69: C DiMerco (US), 70, 70; P Teravainen (US), 71, 69, 141: M Lamerer (Swe), 71, 70; Y Chin-han (Taiwan), 71, 70; J Sindelar (US), 69, 72, 142: O Edmond (Fr), 73, 69; 74, 69; M (US), 69, 73; Zew Mole (Burna), 74, 69: M 69, 72, 142: O Edmond (Fr), 73, 69; C Penry (US), 69, 75; Zaw Meo (Burma), 74, 68; M Ramayah (Mas), 72, 70; A Forsbrand (Swe), 78, 68; M Clayton (Aus), 72, 70, 143: A Sophon (Thu), 68, 75; V Shoph (Fij), 71, 72; R Chapman (ES), 75, 68; B Lana (GB), 75, 68; M Murugiah (Sing), 73, 70; C Patton (US), 75, 68; F Nobilo (NZ), 72, 71. Other Entish positions: 145: P Boker, 78, 69; D J Russell, 67, 78.

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Jockey Club warns off O'Neill for five years

HUGH O'Neill, the former trainer, has been warned off British racecourses for five years for his part in the disgraceful Brigadier Jacques affair. He has been declared a disqualified person from next Monday.

The announcement by the Jockey Club yesterday came 24 hours after O'Neill appeared at Haydock Park to see Ruling, a horse he owns, win the Ashton Novices' Hurdle.

Brigadier Jacques had been in O'Neill's care before being en-tered by him for the Ascot Sales two years ago. The son of Briga-dier Gerard, then aged seven, was emaciated and covered in sores and scabs. The horse's coat was thick with dust, all his ribs showing and he had cracked heels, open wounds and mud

At the time of the sales O'Neill said Brigadier Jacques had changed hands several times in the preceding seven months and was entered for the sales because he ended up with somebody who owed me

O'Neill, who trained at Dorking until June 1989, did not attend the Jockey Club hearing. The disciplinary committee considered a written not involved in racing." statement from the former trainer and evidence from other

witnesses before deciding he had brought racing into disrepute.
"Brigadier Jacques, although not in training since January 1988, had been stabled under his care at Crockers Farm Stables."

a Jockey Club spokesman said.
O'Neill, aged 55, was the last registered owner but he has consistently denied he was responsible for the horse's condition. "This is typical lockey Club justice," O'Neill said yes-terday. "That's why I refused to attend. Brigadier Jacques was in the care of a local farmer but they were determined to a make

"I was not expecting the punishment to be so severe. It is savage. I would suggest that anyone who thought I would treat a borse in this manner should talk to my staff. I have

had nothing but support from them. I have always refused to identify the other person involved because it was not the Jockey Club's business. He is Ca:

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After being purchased at the sales for £410, the horse has been nursed back to health by Ty Stratton, a Devon policeman who is a keen amateur rider. "It took us 18 months to get

Brigadier Jacques into working condition," he said yesterday, "He still has a few problems. He can't convert protein from his muscles and has to be specially fed and examined from time to

The former Flat winner was placed in two point-to-points in May and will go hunter chasing this season. "I know Mr O'Neill has taken the blame but the racing industry and its system is

just as much at fault."
O'Neill began as a permit
holder in 1962. His best-known horses were Colonel Christy, the winner of the 1981 Brooke Bond Oxo National, and Milton Burn, successful eight times on the

HERERORD Selections By Mandarin

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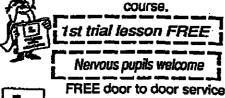
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in January. Interestingly, the winner of that race was none

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view, that concession will

Punching Glory, one of a number of promising young chasers in Nicky Henderson's Lambourn yard, is napped to land the Bolstone Novices'

By all accounts, Punching Glory, who showed promise

over hurdles, notably when

fourth behind Sound Of Islay

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The first and last named formed part of a three-timer for the same redoubtable Greystoke combination on the same north Yorkshire track nine days ago. Now Last 'O' The Bunch can start the ball rolling by winning the Hunters Hill Novices' Chase.

The six-year-old, who won twice over hurdles last season when trained by Ernie Weymes, hardly put a foot wrong when he made a successful transition from hurdling to chasing over today's course and distance last week. What I find particularly interesting in this instance is that Richards is clearly not afraid of taking on On Tap, who was arguably the better over hurdles. Significantly, he has a prime line through another member of his yard. Palm House, who bear On Tap by half a length in

October. Shady Road's chance of winning the Rise Handicap Chase is less discernible since Bacton Handicap Chase is not in all his races so far.

Priscillian. at Hexham towards the end of last month. has made a stylish comeback

However, as that was his first outing of the season, I prefer to judge him on the way that he beat the useful Romany King at Ludlow last March, knowing that his race at Hexham will have brought

As The Demon Barber has incurred only a 2lb halfpenalty for the Boville Handicap Chase, he should be capable of repeating that fine last run when he brushed See You There aside by a dozen lengths over today's course and distance.

A line through Doronicum, who finished third that day, would certainly appear to give him the measure of The

At Hereford, I will be looking to Richard Dunwoody to counter Doughty's charge up the jockeys' table by also landing a treble on Priscillian (1.0), Punching Glory (3.0) and Murphy's Man (3.30).

While conceding that opposing Master Rajh, who has now won his last five races - the latest in great style at and that is precisely the Wolverhampton - for the impression that he has created

with doping scandal

evening meeting in August. He believes that his two-year-The Condicote six-year-old

old may have been tranquilised in similar circumstances to Bravefoot and Norwich, whose drugging at Doncaster in September led to the police being called in. Detectives have since linked these to another incident involving Flying Diva, a stable companion of Norwich, at Yar-

mouth a week later. A report on the dopings, compiled by detectives based at Doncaster, is currently being examined by the Crown Prose-

cution Service.

Detective Chief Inspector Alan Simpson, who has led the inquiry, said he could not comment on any incident involving Stylish Senor. "A file is with the CPS and it is for them to decide what to do next. I have no comment to make on the Stylish Senor was beaten 242

DETECTIVES investigating the biggest horse doping scandal in British racing for 25 years may have identified a fourth case.

Newmarket trainer lames Fanshawe said vesterday that potice interviewed him about the possibility that his horse, Stylish Scnor, was nobbled before running at a Kempton performance was a deterioration in form on his first run. My horses usually improve for their

performance was a deterioration in form on his first run. My borses usually improve for their debuts. Being unaware that he may have been doped. I ran him again at the end of the month and be performed very well. But the Kempton race had obviously taken a lot off him." It was over two months before

the police interviewed Fan-shawe. "What the police described coincided with what I believed." the trainer added. "They had obviously had a tip-off because I hadn't said any-thing about this to anyone.
"I didn't think anything was wrong at the time because this scandal hadn't blown up but I was very disappointed at the way Stylish Senor had run. He was never on an even keel, changed his legs and handled the

bend badly.

"After the race he was very uncoordinated and exhausted. I told the lads to look after him

Licence for Julie Cecil

Mrs Cecil, daughter of the late Sir Noel Murless, will train 50 horses and may saddle her first runner at one of the all-weather

Guide to our in-line racecard

2.15 WIMPEY HOMES CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,697: 2m) (7

BETTING: Evens Setter Country, 7-2 Shangosen, 5-1 Deep Ridge, 8-1 Mr Culck, 12-1 others. 1989: THAR-AN-BHARR 7-12-7 R Supple (5-2) J Upson 6 ran

FORM FOCUS SETTER COUNTRY beat from the first stream of the first

1989: COWORTH PARK 4-10-8 D Murphy (7-1) P Mitchell 12 ran

FORM FOCUS BUSTEELE neck 2nd to After The Number at Hereford (2m St, good). PLENARY 28 Bit to Formate One at Market Rasen (2m 4f, heavy).

SMART CHECK moderate 531 4th of 14 to Concert Paper at Wolverheeppoon (2m 6t 100)rd, good). SOME SMART CHECK moderate 531 4th of 14 to Concert Paper at Wolverheeppoon (2m 6t 100)rd, good). SOME SMART CHECK moderate 531 4th of 14 to Concert Paper at Wolverheeppoon (2m 6t 100)rd, good). SOME SMART CHECK moderate 531 4th of 14 to Concert Market Rasen (2m 4f, good to firm).

3.15 FAKENHAM RACECOURSE CARAVAN SITE HANDICAP HURDLE (52,490: 2m

1989; ELEGANT STRANGER 4-11-6 \$ Smith Eccles (10-11 fav) M Tompkins 12 ran

FORM FOCUS AFRICAN SPIRIT 17! I MINORTAL RISH well treated on 10 basing of PapNewcastle (2m, good). MURRIELD VILLAGE runining-on 3%; 20 od to 5x Louis Bixes at Huntingdon (2m
100yd, good) to firm).

SARYAM creditable %! 2nd to Thats Nice at Woiverhempton (2m 41, good) only hurdles start test term.

Course specialists

JOCKEYS Witners

(Only qualifiers)

7-2 Anticiow, 10-1 in Dri

1 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (SF,F,Q,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-5 ...

5 33-4023 ARCTICPLOW 7 N de Savery N Thomson 5-10-4... 8 U00PO- RI DREAMS 87F (G Cooper) J Scargh 7-10-0

Long transferge in Dreams 9-10.

JULIE Cecil has been granted a trainer's licence and will operate from Newmarker's Southgate stables, which she has bought from Ian Matthews, in the New Year (Richard Evans writes).

Mrs. Cecil days been granted a med, Stavros Niarchos, Lord and Lady Howard de Walden and Daniel Wildenstein, who will send her Pole Position, winner of the group three Prix de Meautry in August when trained by Andre Technol. trained by Andre Fabre Her older borses will include

Coral Weish National at horses and may saddle her first runner at one of the all-weather meetings.

Among a formidable list of Pancho's Pearl, formerly with Chepstow tomorrow week, and was cut from 25-1 to 14-1 by the sponsors, despite being 12lb out of the handicap.

An absence from that race patrons will be Sheikh Moham- Charlie Nelson.

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will be Playschool, who lost his position and pulled up four out. David Barons, his trainer, added that Topsham Bay will also miss Chepstow.

Ardbrin will join the stars at Racecard number. Six-figure form (F - fell. distance winner. BF - beaten favourite in P-pulled up. U - unwested rider. B - brought down. S - slipped up. R - refused. F - firm, good to firm, hard. S - good. D - disqualified). Horse's name. Days S - soft, good to seft, heavy). Owner in since last outing: F if flat. (B - blinkers, by V - visor. H - hood E - Eyenheid. C - course and handlesper's rating.

Doughty: half-century in

a season for first time

Outside Edge is now a likely number for Martin Pipe in the

century of winners for the first time in his career with a pillar-

to-post victory on Twin Oaks in

the four-mile Ronnie Johnston Memorial Trophy Handicap Chase at Haydock yesterday. His words to trainer Gordon

Richards summed up his feel-

ings: "That was a lovely ride, guv'nor. Thank you very much."

breathing down his neck at the 23rd of the 25 fences, readily asserted his authority to cross

the line 1½ lengths ahead of Outside Edge.

Twin Oaks was reduced from 33-1 to 20-1 for the Grand

National by Corals, joining last year's winner, Mr Frisk, and

Uncle Merlin as market leaders.

Twin Oaks, with four rivals

Ardbrin will join the stars at Kempton Park on Boxing Day after completing his treble over fences in fine style in the H L H Timber Novices' Chase.

The seven-year-old, part owned by Monica Dickinson and trained by her son-in-law, Thomas Tate, made all the running and Graham Bradley hardly had to ask him a question Ardbrin will have a choice of Ardbrin will have a choice of races at Kempton over 2% miles or three and already looks a candidate for the Sun Alliance Chase at Cheltenham.

Haydock results

Going: good to soft 1. THE FOLENE (J. Lower, Evens fav); 2. Tranquil Wasers (G. McCourt, 6-1); 3. Eurocon (R. Durwoody); 2-1), ALSO RAN: 12 Pharman (Str.), 14 High Cleat (pul), 25 Mylege (4th), 33 Haiden Culver, Couture Tignis (bn), My Brother Jake (pul), 50 Net Gall, 100 Indelble Mark (pul, Finland (pul, Heron's Sam, Sty. Watcher (pul, Rod Planet (pul, April's Baby 16 ran, 3%, 2%), 20, 2, 20 M Pice at Wellington, Tota: E2.10; £1.10, £2.00, £1.50, DF: 24.80, CSF: £10.48.

1.15 (2m 4f cr) 1, ARDSRMI (G Gradley, 2.45 EASTERN EVENING NEWS NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (\$1,360: 2m 5f 110yd) 1.15 (2m 41 ch) 1, ARDBRIM (G Stacley, 5-5 tay); 2, Meritmore (M Dwyer, 4-1); 3, Water Orchid (G McCourt, 25-1); ALSO RAN: 9 Manhattan Chase (4th), 10 Marcellint (bd), 14 O'Rietly (5m), 20 Rehab Venure (8m), Sharp Opinion, 25 Cropdate (f), 35 Glencos Boy, 50 Insartis, 11 ran. 8l. 1t, 12t, 23t, 15t. 17 Tate at Tadicaster, Totes: E1.90; E1.40, E1.70, E3.60. DF: £3.80. CSF: £4.94. ES.60. DF: ES.80. CSF: 24.94.

1.45 (4m ch) 1, TWIN DAICS (N Doughty, 5-2 lav: Mandarin's sapt; 2, Outside Edge (J Lower, 4-1); 3, Mich's Star (M Bowtby, 7-2) ALSO FAN: 5 Over The Road (50), 14 Playschool (pul, 16 What About Me (pul, 2) Manlight Count (pul), Mister Christian (4th), 33 Just So (pul, 50 Rausal (5th), 250 Ges (pul, 1) Tan. NR: Borren Ower. 1141, 8, 51, 51, des. G Richards at Greyscolo. Tota: 23 10; 21.70, \$1.80, 51.50, 07: 25.00. CSP: 211.68, Tricast: 23.072.

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2.15 (2m Indie) 1, CHANGPAGNE GOLD
(J Shortt, 7-2); 2, Developer (G McCourt,
11-4); 3, Kelgin's Spar (M Lynch, 50-1).
ALSO RAN: 10-11 fev Gik Preference, 12
Franciscan, 20 Tyburn Lad, Bakharran, 33
Herbeno, Kinsue, Walke Up, Who Was
Ther (4th), 50 Builsce (5th), Flush Builb, Le
Jouest, Tultarin's (6th), Sky Fighter, 18 ran.
NR. Bitocal. 27-1, 10. 2, 27-1, 1, J
McConnochie as Syrations-On-Avon. Tole:
24.10; 21-50, 21-10, 21-50, Dr.; 25-70.
CSF: £14.89,
2.45 (2m at ch) 1, BKPPPNRG TEM L1 CS: E14.09, 2. As (ch) 1, BKEPPING TIM (J. Lower, 5-4 ten): 2, Aurille Dot (M. Field, 94); 3, The Langholm Dyer (I. O'Hera, 9-2). ALSO RANK B Matric (f), 16 Socies Downe (4th), 5 ran. NR: Reise An Argument. 61, 151, Ind. M Pipe at Weifington. Tors. £1.50; £1.40, £1.70. DF: £1.80. CSF: £4.26.

£7.40, £1.70. DF: £1.80. CSF: £9.26.

£15 (2m &t hdie) ; OTTERBURN

NOUSE (M Dwyer, 5-1); 2, Burgoyne (;
Wyer, 10-11 tav); 3. Belaney Boy (;)
Osborna, 3-1). ALSO RAN: 11 No More
Tiris (50), 20 He Who Danas Whas, Unor,
£5 Bref Encounter, Juranetan, 33
Bowlenda Way, Rajampour (4th), 50 Beach
Tiger (pu), Buck And Stöp (pu), Finel
Spring (pu), Flying Freehold (8th), Huther
(pu), Iron Prince, Kangaroo Court, Orwell
Opinion, Purbeck Dove, The Wrens Dan.
19 ran. 34, 54, 15, 25, 254, Janery
Picopanid at Matton, Tote: £5.80, £1.70.
£1.40, £1.50. DF: £3.70. CSF: £10.49.

Southwell

Goling: Standard

12.0 (61) 1. Priendly Claim (Alex Graeves, 7-2 Hebr): 2. Hamilet Croft (12-1): 3. Consingnal Carl (5-1). Mich S. Choice 7-2 |-lev. 1 | ran. 3, 3%; T. Barron. Tona: 64.70: 25.60, 25.60, 21.10. DF: 237.30. CSF: 238.77.

12.30 (69) 1. Ping Pong (J. Panning, 12-1): 2. Solid (20-1): 3. Curning Plan (14-1): Where's Carol 8-15 fev. 10 ran. 5, 3d. T. Fairhurst, Tona: 25.60; C1.40, 62.20, 62.30. DF: 217.90. CSF: £183.04.

1.0 (71) 1. Joie De Solid (Paul Eddory, 6-5 fev); 2, Pacific Rim (8-1): 3. Maggaes Lad (25-1). 18 ran. 3d. 7. R. Johnson Houghton. Tone: £2.80; 27.10, 62.50. E7.40. DF: £2.80. CSF: £10.34. 92 87 91 25.80. CSF: F10.34. 21.30. 27.40. DF: 25.80. CSF: F10.34. 1.30 (7) 1. Amenable (Alex Greaves, 4-1 sw); 2. Head Seil (7-1); 3. Assignment (13-2); 13 ran. Hd. 1141. T Berron. Tota: 24.90; 22.10. 21.90, 12.20. DF: 213.80. CSF: 27.57. Tricest: 21.57.40. 2.0 (1m) 1. Practicey Highir (8 Parks, 20-1); 2. Gozone (20-1); 3. Croft Velley (12-1); 4. Evening Stair (10-1); Say You Will 7-2 fav. 18 ran. 3. 11% D Morris Tota 24.2 to: 28.80. P.2.00, 24.20. 22.20. DF (winner or second with any other horse): 24.30. CSF: 2551.83. Thosas: 24.57-21. 2.30 (1m 41); 1. Main Fleet (Paul Eddery, 4-1); 2. Andraw's Pirst (5-4 hwt; 3. Gottem tale (20-1). 10 ran. NR: Achelous, Mi, 12. C Neison. Tota: 27.50. 22.30, 21.10, 24.40. DF: 511.70. CSF: 210.37. 3.9 (1m 41); 1. Salmonid (T Quinn, 13-8) 3.0 (Im 4) 1, Salmonid (T Quinn, 13-8 for); 2, Serin Lake (10-1); 2, African Guest (38-1), 11 ren. 9; 11 P Cole. Tons 22.70; 21.10, 21.50, £13.30. DF: £17.40. CSF: £17.64.

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2.20 (56) 1. Paper Shoes (Paul Eddory.
6-1); 2. Morpel, (10-1); 3. Ever Remoss
(4-1 (av), 13 ran, 3. %1. R Earnsnaw, Tota:
67.20; £2.10, £2.90, £2.20. OF: £74.60.
CSF: £59.48. Tricast: £238.99.
Placepor: £320.70.

brings up Doughty 50 NEALE Doughty reached a halfNEALE Doughty reached a halfSIR Ian Trethowan loved racing and of the Jockey Club, said

SIR Ian Trethowan loved racing and yesterday the sport which he cherished and did so much to help voiced its sadness and sense of great loss following his death on Wednesday. He was

His kindness and decency shone like a beacon to all who knew him, along with the cour-age and willpower he displayed in the final months of his life when he was suffering from motor neurone disease.

Despite being confined to a wheelchair and becoming increasingly frail, his mind and intellect remained as sharp as

Sir Ian was a keen owner — be had a share in Tuesday's Plumpton novice chase winner Buddy Holly — but he will be best remembered for his eight years as chairman of the Horserace Betting Levy Board. His remarkable qualities ensured the disparate groupings on the board, each with different aims and objectives, worked as a

cohesive unit.

The Levy Board yesterday described Sir lan as "one of racing's giants. A leader whose enthusiasm and energy were matched only by his deep conviction that racing should be

"Those privileged to work closely with lan will miss his sparkling sense of humour, his fairness, his razor-sharp mind, his compassion, his warmth and his generosity.
We shall never forget the

courage and determination he displayed during his last, cruel illness, giving of his all for the betterment of racing. He was an inspiration to all who knew him?"

Lord Hartington, senior stew-

ard of the Jockey Club, said: "He gave exceptional service to racing during some difficult times, and no one could have worked harder or more bravely for a sport which I know he loved passionately. We have all lost a friend and a dedicated

Len Cowburn, chairman of the Bookmakers' Committee and deputy chairman of Wil-liam Hill, was often on the other side of the negotiating table to Sir Ian during levy scheme talks.

"All of us who have had the privilege to work with Sir lan had a great admiration not only for his intellect and personal qualities, but also for the great courage be showed during his illness," he said.

During the recent prolonged and fiercely contested negotia-tions involving next year's levy scheme, Sir lan had been determined and resolute. "He pushed the Bookmakers' Committee right to the extreme. I really admired him for his courage and intellect. He somehow drew on reserve strengths during those negotiations.

"He was the type of person you could always trust. He had a great ability to draw people together. He was kind, decent and honest."

Sir lan saw the levy and prizemoney more than double during his chairmanship of the Levy Board and he initiated large rises in minimum prize-money levels as well as substantial capital investment schemes at racetracks simed at improving remembered for persuading his colleagues to back all-weather racing, with tracks at Lingfield and Southwell.

FAKENHAMC SELS

Selections By Mandarin

12.45 Invasion. 1.15 Clos Du Bois. 1.45 Biloxi Blues.

2.15 Setter Country. 2.45 Sombrero Gold, 3.15 Saryan.

By Michael Seely 2.15 SETTER COUNTRY (nap). 2.45 Sombrero Gold. 3.15 Muirfield Village.

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12.	45 COTT	TESMORE NOVICES CHASE (£2,528: 2m 5f 110yd) (8 r	unners)	
1	3-52134	ALORA SOND 18 (F) (M Johnson) K Surks 5-11-12		84
2	4211-10	RIVASION & (D.BF.F.G.S) (Lady Anne Bentinck) J Glover 6-11-12		87
3	031-012	QANNAAS 13 (B.D.BF.F.S) (Mrs A Leat) Mrs D Heine 8-11-12	& Smith Rocles	22
4		FALWORTH 21 (B.F) (W Whiterest N Handerson 6-11-4		_
		HOLY SHOW 21 (S. Jocham) Miss L. Bower 9-11-4		_
		MARINER'S STAR 27 (V) (J Long) J Bosley 8-11-4		75
7	4028-25	QUICK REACTION 21 (F) (A VRar) Mrs & Heath 7-11-4		4 5
		TIBER RIVER 17 (CD,G) (G Beddingson) C Brooks 6-11-4		
	BETTING	9-4 Tiber River, 3-1 Invesion, 4-1 Osmass, 6-1 Quick Reaction, 7	-1 Aldra Bond, 10-1	Fel-
WO.	to, 20-1 Ho	ily Show, 39-1 Meriner's Star.		
		1989: VALASSY 8-11-1 N Williamson (7-2) J Edwards 13 ra	a	

FORM FOCUS ALDRA BOND best | firm) FALWORTH makes cheating debut; 18 7th of 2 control of the con

Pari on Warwick (2ro 4f, good) reappearance REACTION 28%1 5th to Market Forces at L provident understo rate an at uncommer is 2.1 person 25% ton 10 Market Forces at Lebess opcord issest; previously best Forces at Lebess opcord issest; previously best Forces at Lebess Market Rasen (2m 61, good to firm). May improve. CAMMAAS best Casino Magic by sasy 21 on chasing district in Luddow (2m 41, good to firm); 81 2nd to Countre Stockings at Nottingham (2m 61, good to I Selection: NVASION.

1.15 FITZWILLIAM SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (22,092: 2m 80yd) (9 runners) B Powell 90 B Turner 97

Long handicap: Look At Me Now 9-11, Lyntingem 9-9, SETTING: 2-1 Clos Du Bols, 11-4 Golden Vintage, 7-2 Ramrod, 5-1 Sphinx, 8-1 Dauphin Blau, 12-1 Laseral, 16-1 others. 1989: THEN RED LINE 5-10-4 R Durwoody (6-1) J Jenians 12 ran

FORM FOCUS CLOS DU BOIS storm in September LATERAL weekened 2 out when sent head 2nd to Adelhne Lyrin in a Leicester (2m. cood to sort) claimer RABROD 10% if this to Manuals be under at Taumon (2m. 110yd, good to Brim) with claimer. Sheeke it Taumon (2m. 110yd, good to Brim) with the set of Burnon (2m. 110yd, good to Brim) with DALPHIN BLEU (4b) better off) never-neerer 12 5th. GOLDEN VENTAGE reverse to this grade for first time since beating Lovely Wongs 3% at Plumpton (2m., selection: CLOS DU BOIS

1.45 STEPHENSON SMART HANDICAP CHASE (\$3,321: 3m) (4 runners) BETTING: 2-5 Bilon; Blues, 11-4 Mirage Day, 14-1 The Fruit, 16-1 General Merchant. 1989: ANNETTE'S VENTURE 7-10-8 R Dunwoody (15-2) B Stavens 10 ran

FORM FOCUS BLOXI BLUES 22% | town (3m, heavy) in February: makes English debut.

Newbury (2m 4f, firm) latest; better judged on previous 3% i 2md to Assaglawi at Kempkon (3m, good to
firm).

MIRAGE DAY 8I 3rd to Another Rustle at Leoperds
Setection: 8ILOXI BLUES

2.0 WESTHORPE CLAIMING HURDLE (£1,898; 2m) (13 runners)

Selections

CATTERICK BRIDGE - - -

By Mandarin

12.30 Last 'O' The Bunch. 1.00 Tekla. 1.30 Shady Road.

2.00 Damart. 2.30 The Demon Barber.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 1.00 TEKLA. Going: good to firm 12.30 HUNTERS HILL NOVICES CHASE (£2,192: 2m) (11 runners) 12.30 HUNTERS HILL NOVICES CHASE (£2,192: 2m) (11 runners)
1 05116-1 LAST 'O' THE SUNCH 9 (£0,F,G,B) (6 Middlebrook) G Richards 6-11-7
2 330/216- BEN THRAN 244 (F) (F Lemyman) Whs S Lamyman 6-11-0
3 04P-FS4 BUCKANNARA 9 (Mrs M Gray) R Woodhouse 5-11-0
4 0/3600 DICK THE SPUDOLER 9 (D D'UN) W Sambley 5-11-0
5 0043 LUCKY FBLLOW 1315 (Mrs E Sisck) Mrs E Sisck 8-11-0
6 51426-4 MOWTHORRE 18 (F.G) (B Mainer) M W Easterby 5-11-0
7 2/2140-2 ON TAP 46 (BF,F) (F Wiscon) M H Easterby 8-11-0
9 0/ PAVILION D'AMOUR (Mrs G MOTESSO) W Sambley 7-11-0
9 11/2/1/ REALLY HONEST 857 (F.G) (B Mainer) M W Easterby 9-11-0
10 334650 YAMANOUCH 23 (Mrs G Tomoud) D Motiest 6-11-0
11 320253 LINGHAM MAGEC 9 (J SWIGTS) J SWIGTS 5-10-9
SETTING 2-1 On Tao. 7-2 Last 'O' The Bunch, 4-1 Mowthoma, 8-1 Burlessones AA C Ryon (7) . 6 Storey ---__ P Niver 93 D Wildrack 75

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By S Swiers 25 BETTING: 2-1 On Tao. 7-2 Last 'O' The Bunch, 4-1 Mowthorpe, 8-1 Bucksmars, 16-1 Lingham Magic, 12-1 Really Honest, Yamanouchi, 14-1 others. 1.0 GLEBE NOVICES HURDLE (£1,360: 2m) (9 runners) 270-0513 STURLING EXPRESS 15 (CD,F) (Mrs L Annet) J Mackle 5-11-4 J O'Gormen (3) D Byrne M Aleton (7) Aleton (7) B2 ... M. Dwyer & 99

1 2/0-0613 STIRLING EXPRESS 15 (CD,F) (Mrs L Arnet) J Mackie 5-11-1
2 0-28 COLOMAL LORD 27 (I Swith) Arm 5 Bramel 4-10-12
3 3544 DAWARM 18 (W Lockey) 8 Williamon 6-10-12
5 1-165 DOCTOR SYNTAX 42 (F) (T Charles) E Asson 4-10-12
2 TEKLA 25 (A Budge (Equired Lot) Jimmy Plzgerad 5-10-12
6 TEKPSSICHOREAN 36 (P Hemotov Green) 8 Elson 4-10-12
5 THE RIGHT GUY 27 (S Rawson) Mrs 8 Bramel 6-10-12
0 TWEED VALLEY 63 (A Taylor) 8 Williams 5-10-17
00/5-0 DOLLY PRICES 8 (W Smith) W Smith 5-10-7 D Condell —
DETTING: 8-4 Tokis. 3-1 Stirling Express, 5-1 Doctor Syntax, 10-1 Devestre, 12-1 Colonial Lord, historican, The Right Guy, 14-1 others. 1.30 RISE HANDICAP CHASE (£2,280: 2m) (5 runners) B Storey 96
______ N Coughty 95
_____ P Assigney (7) 93
_____ L Wyer 4 99

1 131329 MAREJO 211 (CD.S) (Mrs F Walton) F Welton 9-12-0.
2 24541-0 SHADY ROAD 16 (G.S) (Khoh Buik Haulege Let) G Richards 9-11-3
2 35541F J J Jillary 3 (B.SF.F.G.S) (L & J Stansey Let) 6 Siston 9-10-11
3 55541F J J JILLARY 3 (B.SF.F.G.S) (L & J Stansey Let) 6 Siston 9-10-11
1 3-12FU1 VALENTRICS JOY 7 (D.F.G.S) (B Halterwaton) G Ottroyd 11-10-8.
2 12FU1 VALENTRICS JOY 7 (D.F.G.S) (J J O'Nodi) J J O'Nodi 11-10-8. 921132 IMPART IN (COLFACE) (* J. J. Jimmy, 4-1 Marcjo, 11-2 Valentinos Joy, 10-1 Impany, 921TING: 7-4 Shady Road, 3-1 J. J. Jimmy, 4-1 Marcjo, 11-2 Valentinos Joy, 10-1 Impany, Course specialists TRAINERS Per cent N Houghly

J J Quinn S Williamson P Niven D Condell 2.30 BOVILLE HANDICAP CHASE (£2,758: 3m 1f 80yd) (7 runners) P13P-31 THE DEMON BARBER 9 (CDLF,G,S) (R Cuppe) G Richards 8-12-2 (20x) ----..... N Doughty
...... R Marky
...... L Wyer 3.0 HUTTON WANDESLEY HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,872: 3m 1f 80yd) (8 numbers) ... C Grant ... L Mistensy (7) S Mason (7) Long handesp: Roman Dusk 9-12, Focus On Foster 9-6, Alaichtun 9-5.

Garrison Savannah run in balance

BETTING: 11-4 Been Boy, 7-2 Wrekin Hill, 9-2 Fast Presze, 6-1 Mabarris, 7-1 Thereis, 16-1 Roman Dusk, 12-1 Focus On Foster, 16-1 Assistran.

up the ante-post list for the Chepstow contest on Saturday week after finishing second to Cettic Shot at Haydock on Wednesday, his first run of the season. He is currently 7-1 with the sponsors. having been 14-1 at the start of the week.
However, the Sun Alliance Chase
winner was lame when he got back to the racecourse stables and Mrs Pitman's assistant, David Stait, said yesterday.

NO DECISION will be taken on | fore shoulder. It is quite tender and Garrison Savannah's participation in | we've been told to treat it. It's too early the Coral Weish National for two or to say how serious this is. He has a little three days.

Jenny Pitman's seven-year-old leapt will be Sunday or Monday before we know which way he will go."

The immediate plans for all of Mrs Pinnan's string remain unclear. Because of good to firm ground at Ascot, Toby

Tobias, the Cheltenham Gold Cup favourite, is now unlikely to run in tomorrow's Youngmans Long Walk "If Ascot goes by the board, we'll have to organise a full-scale workout for him

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AN INDEPENDENT study yesterday urged the rival groups interested in staging the 2000 Olympic Games in London to combine to ensure the bid goes forward to the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

Coopers and Lybrand Deloitte, a leading firm of accountants, emphasised that any successful bid should centre on a new complex of sports facilities and an Olympic village close to an existing or approved transport infrastructure.

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The report comes only six days before the British Olympic Association (BOA) decides whether to endorse a bid for the Games. Manchester and possibly Birmingham, which failed to get the 1996 and 1992 Games respectively, are also expected to bid for the 2000 Olympics.

Four groups, one of which, London 2000, is led by Sebastian Coe, are looking at the possibility of holding the Games. Coopers and Lybrand Deloitte stated that it was only asked by the London Council for Sport and Recreation, a body which represents local authorities and sports bodies in the capital, to set up a preliminary feasibility study but it was not interested in putting in

Ed Straw, a spokesman for the company, said: "We are just concerned with getting everyone together to support a joint effort." A proper feasibility

much government financing would be needed.

"The German government would clearly back Berlin, one of London's probable rivals for the year 2000, to the hilt," he said. "It is important that London has a serious and professional bid and not a glorious failure."

Straw pointed out that much of the money from the government and also local authorities and the private sector for infrastructure and housing will aiready have been projected, if not approved. "The important thing is that this money is spent at the right time, before the Games are held here and that the infrastructure and transport connected with the Olympics get priority."

the government must understand is that every recent Olympic Games, with the possible exception of Los Angeles, has had major government support." He pointed out that Atlanta, which will host the 1996 Games, will get US\$414 million

for facilities from the Georgia

State government. The paper from Coopers and Lybrand Deloitte stated that the building costs for an Olympic and media village, consisting of 30,000 beds, would cost about £450 million. In 1988-9 London's local authorities spent a total of only £128 million on new housing.

"The government has to make up its mind. An Olympic Games is one of the best possible investments of its kind. It is a catalyst for many other things. It also raises morale.'

The company looked at several possible sites for the main venues, including Docklands and the East Thames corridor, alongside the M I I and also West London near Heathrow.

Generally, the report felt that London had the strength of being an attractive venue for visitors. recognised international media expertise, a substantial catchment area for spectators, excellent air transport, superb cultural attractions and the British traditions.

Its weaknesses were seen as poor local infrastructure and the competition and training. The report pointed out that whereas Atlanta had nearly 60 per cent of its facilities built by the time that the IOC voted last September on the venue for the 1996 Games, Manchester had only 34 per cent completed and only a green field to show for the main Games site.

The report stated that the important ingredient in credibility was having facilities that were built or being built provided that they were of good quality.

If the BOA decides next week that Britain should bid again for the Games it will vote which city to nominate in March. The IOC will decide the venue for the 2000 Games at its session in eptember, 1993.

Dick Palmer, the secretary of

the BOA, is drawing up a discussion paper to be considered at its meeting on Wednesday. This will look at the process the association will go through to receive the bid, how it will evaluate them and the standards

There are several members of the BOA who believe that it is pointless bidding again for the Games unless there is a genuine chance of success.

In September, Manchester only secured five votes in the second round, having polled 11 in the first, Birmingham only got eight votes in the second round when it failed to get the 1992 Games which will take place in

Racers take the hump at flattening of 'camels'

From Brian James in Val Gardena, Italy

palled some of the world's best can." skiers by having had its bumps sculpted out. The sport is already reckoned to have become too smooth.

Men with ice axes and shovels have been at the "camels", the trio of humps that are the most famous characteristic of the Saslonch piste where the second downhill of this World Cup season will be run today. Other men, with snow made by machines, have been smoothing off a course where technical ex- classic course." cellence has always been demanded_

According to Italy's Kristian Ghedina, one of the favourites: "The course is so much easier. They have taken too much from the camels." Leonard Stock, the Austrian who won the season's first downhill, said: "I skied the bumps badly. But that was my fault, not the piste, which is

The lip of the middle hump and Kitt, lurk close. mels" has been extended six metres, making it less likely that the fastest men will take off, fly 40 metres and thump down on the peak of the last hillock. Five men did this last year, and fell. One has not skied since, and Peter Mueller, of Switzerland, is only slowly regaining his

The case for a hard look at the preparation is therefore easily made. But as Karl Schrantz, world champion and skier supreme in the

A VALLEY justly infamous changes. Not the skiers. They for its grotesque knobbly can manage the hardest woodcarving has now ap- courses. Anyway the best ones

> Those of us who skied the course in the hour before final training, if in times more appropriately monitored by a calendar than a clock, will know this 3,440-metre screent of ice will only be skied in something like 120 seconds by

Peter Wirnsberger was more forgiving than most about the Val Gardena track. "I think it is different. Not easier. It still section in the centre of the has many of the parts of a

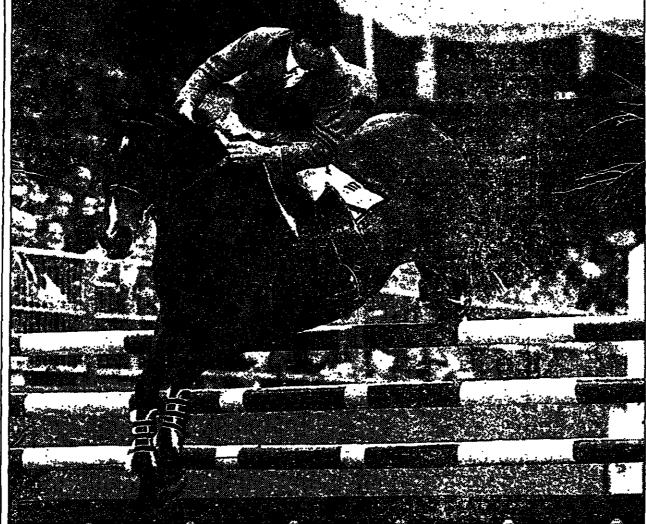
Forecasting is tricky. The Swiss, Franz Heinzer, second last year and fastest in firstday practice, virtually slalomed the last sprint to the finish, perhaps not wanting to show all he has. So the two fastest times are held by Hoeflehner and Boyd, who have each twice won this race. Two inevitable Norwegians, Skaadal and Arnesen, and two of the young Americans, Moe

Nobody carries a greater load than young Ghedina, whom the Italians call "La Slavina" (the avalanche) when they love him - that is, when he wins. Or "Ghedina? Unrecognisable" as one headline dismissively screeched when, as last week, he loses.

LEADING PRACTICE TIMES: 1, Hoefiehner (Austria), Zmin 2,56sec; 2, R Boyd (Cen), 2:03.12; 3, A Skaardal (Nor), 2:03.34; 4, T Moe (US), 2:03.44; 5, D Mahrer (Switz), 2:03.45; 6, K Ghedina (it), 2:03.46; 7, L Stock (Austria), 2:08.49; 8, P Ortileb (Austria), 2:03.66; 3, A J Kirt (US), 2:03.70; 10, P Wirnsberger (Austria), 2:03.99.

1960s, insisted: "We don't Driving snow forced the want accidents. But this a abandonment of the third and downhill not a cross country. final practice day for the It is much too easy, but then women's World Cup downhill so has become the whole in Meiringen-Hasliberg, sport. It is the trainers who Switzerland, today (Reuter make the protests, call for reports).

Olympia's show under way in flying fashion



Cracking clearance: Nick Skelton, on Alan Paul Grand Slam, in the Christmas Cracker Stakes yesterday

Bowen and Delsey show class

By JENNY MACARTHUR

David Bowen, who is in dispute with the International Equestrian Federation (FEI) me about the fine." over a positive drug test on his horse, Delsey, last summer, underlined the nine-year-old gelding's fitness at Olympia win in the Everest Christmas Stocking Stakes.

Bowen, aged 42, received £900 for his efforts but revealed afterwards that he is still smarting from the £300 fine imposed on him by the FEI last month after Delsey was found positive for the drug, isoxsuprine, following his win in the Hickstead Speed

Derby last August. "With the fine and the loss

disqualified I've had to pay this tough there should defi- French and Swiss, were denearly £2,000 — but my horse nitely be a 24-hour guard on layed in Calais because of the has never been given the drug horses at all FEI shows. I shall rough weather in the Channel - I didn't even know what it was for when they rang to tell

David Broome's horse

Lannegan was also tested positive for the drug - which is used to relieve the pain of yesterday with a convincing navicular disease in the foot at the Dublin Horse Show in July. But in his case, it was traced back to a contaminated electrolyte and Broome, although still disqualified from all events at Dublin, was exonerated responsibility.

Bowen has no idea how the drug came to be in Delsey. "There's no horse in the yard with navicular so there would be no reason to have had the of prize money for being drug. If the FEI is going to get

definitely appeal - though that could add another £500 to my expenses.'

Broome, whose expenses are being paid by the manufacturer of the electrolytes, is also considering an appeal. "There's a lot at stake here" he said yesterday, "my disqualification from Dublin means we lose the Nations Cup and £6.000 prize-money - what if the other members of foreign riders compared of the Nations Cup team decide to sue me because of loss of earnings?"

More immediate problems were confronting Raymond Brooks-Ward, the director of Olympia, at the show yesterday. The horses of seven foreign riders, including all the

and missed the opening day. Roger-Yves Bost, the leader of the European League of the

World Cup after his win in Bordeaux last week, was beheved yesterday to have given up trying to cross and gone home. The rest hoped to catch the evening ferry last night. Ironi-

cally, the organisers had last

month bemoaned the number with British ones that the show was forced to take under FEI rules.

RESULTS: Everest Christmas Stocking Stakes: 1. Delsey (D Bowen), 32.78esc: 2. Brook Street Clover (R Smith), 32.23; 3. Fenny (J Lenseara, Bel), 33.03. The Modern Alarma Christmas Cracker Stekes: 1, Zezou (P Heffer) 44.95esc: 2. Alan Paul Grand Slam (N Skethon), 45.01; 3. Top Gun La Sille (J Tops, Neth), 45.27.

Illustrious four of United States go for Olympic gold

Lillehammer, Norway THE United States has not won an Olympic medal in the four-man bobsleigh event since 1956, when it took the bronze. A group of illustrious novices is going for gold in 1992 at Albertville ... and onwards, they hope, to

Lillehammer two years later. Edwin Moses, double Olympic hurdles gold medal winner, Willie Gault, who plays wide receiver for Los Angeles Raiders, and Herschel Walker, the running back for fastest 40-metre take-off speed only man in the quartet who knows the way down.

The only competitor in gold medals in both winter and summer Games was Edward Eagan, of the United States. He won the light heavyweight boxing title at Antwerp in 1920 and was then a member of the four-man bobsleigh team in 1932. The hop, Moses the vertical jump. only other double medal winner was Jacob Thams of Norway, ski-jump champion in 1924 and a silver medal winner in yachting four years

Moses hones to broaden his own place in Olympic history.
"I fell in love with the bob run International Olympic expert, with the right phy-Committee's athletes com- sique, in only half an hour. mission. Photographers were

period in which he was unbeaten at 400 metres hurdles, meet them," Gault has said. from his rapid emergence to Games of the chance of a third gold in between.

strong runner, but not too the summer Games of 1992.

DAVID MILLER CHIEF SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

more on bulk." In trials in September at Lake Placid, the US Olympic centre on the east coast, the new formation set a record time of 5.03sec on the test track starting rails. Suddenly, Tony Carlino, the national bobsleigh coach, was talking about gold medals.

Minnesota Vikings, have Previously, the multi-sport united to give a bobsleigh the sprinters had taken part in aptitude testing at Lake Placid in history. After that, it's up to in July, together with many the driver, Brian Shimer, the other candidates. It was the famous three who scored the nighest marks at 30, 60 and 100 metre sprints, a vertical Olympic history to have won jump, a 16-pound shot throw and a five-consecutive hop.

With a 900 possible perfect score, Gault, who ran 10.24sec for 100 metres, took first place with 802 points, followed by Walker and Moses jointly on 761. Walker won the shot and

Gault had been a member of the US bobsleigh team in 1988, but did not race. The US finished fourth by only hundredths of a second. Willie Davenport, the 1968 Olympic hurdles gold medal winner, was on the bobsleigh team in during the Olympic winter
Games in Calgary two years
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visit here as a member of the
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In spite of doubts expressed quick to get Prince Albert of about the availability of pro-Monaco, a bobsleigh driver fessional footballers during and another member of the the winter season, Gault has commission, out in the snow assured the US selectors that he and his Minnesota col-Moses looks as lean and league will make whatever athletic as he did during the commitment is necessary. "Whatever the rules are, we'll

Moses went to inspect the win the gold medal in Mon-treal in 1976 to regaining it in here, but was of course unable Los Angeles eight years later; to test it. He revealed that he is deprived by the boycott by the in such good physical con-United States of the Moscow dition that he is contemplating entering the US trials for a place in the 400 "My advantage is that I'm a metres hurdles at Barcelona in heavy," Moses said. "Many "If I'm in good shape, why bobsleigh teams concentrate not?" he said.

Referees happy with behaviour in Welsh rugby union despite the surge of league sendings-off THE ****TIMES SPORTS SERVICE



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final for Burke

By DAVID HANDS

FOUR members of the Lan-cashire XV defeated in last season's county coits final return to Twickenham to meet Somerset for the NatWest Bank Shield in the final of this season's championship on Sat-urday. They include the captain, Graham Burke, the Little-borough scrum half who played stand-off half in the 34-3 defeat Lancashire dismissed Yorkshire 19-3 in the group games

and have conceded only 19 points in seven games — including a 22-3 semi-final defeat of Cornwall - on their way to the Somerset's 20-4 victory over Hertfordshire at the same stage included five tries and, in their third final in four years, they include four players from Bath. among them Andrew Webber.

the captain and stand-off. Bath recently encountered the unbeaten Wasps colts XV, going down 54-0 on their own ground. Both sides were weakened by county calls but Wasps scored ten tries, three of them to Paul

Volley, the flanker. They have conceded only one try throughout the season. However they face a substantial challenge next month when they visit Agen, whose only defeat last season was at their hands.

LANCASHERE: J Stockdele (Calder Vale);
P Birchald (Orrell), K Tyrer (Wigen), S
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(Littleborough, capt); P Ludean (Orrell), S
Tramer (Waterhoo), G Razsell (Littleborough, Capt); P Ludean (Orrell), S
Tramer (Waterhoo), G Razsell (Littleborough), G Laker (Preston Grass-hoppers), A Jackson (Orrell), R Cashle
(Waterhoo), J Mayork (Littleborough), SOMERSET: G Lloyd (Kaynstam); M
Preedy (Tournton), J Redrap (Enstol), B
Ramsey (Downside School), M White
(Bristo), A Webber (Bath, capt), D
Roberta (Taunton); A Hussey (Clevedon),
N BAE (Bridgwester and Ablon), S Scebbe
(Priory Park College), M Ford (Bristol), J
Mathemary (Kaynsham), C Yandell (Batt),

Return to Quality tag put on Rush for early baths conceals Australian team

By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE strongest schools side to will play a Scottish Youth XV leave Australia for the northern hemisphere begins a 13-match tour against The Netherlands in Leiden tomorrow. Given that in four previous tours, and 56 matches, the Australian schoolboys have lost just once — to England in 1974 — that is a considerable claim from Christopher Hawkins, their coach.

Hawkins admitted that the 1977-8 party, which included the Ella brothers and Wally Lewis, may have had more talented individuals, but, he said at Twickenham yesterday, this is the strongest overall team". It includes 20 of the match party of 21 which beat New Zealand schools 9-7 in

The Australians tend to introduce their most talented youngsters to the senior national side without delay: thus of the last tour party, in 1986, Scott Gourlay, Sam Scott-Young, Richard Tombs, and Ricky Stuart all toured with the Walla bies within two years and Stuart was a key half back in the Australian rugby league team which beat Great Britain 2-1. Of the three internationals -

Hawkins regards Ireland as the greatest challenge. The Austra-lian coach bases his judgment on the party which toured in 1987. They had the best schoolboy forward pack I have seen for a long time," he said. Secti for a long time," be said.

ITRIERARY: December: 12: v Netherlands (Leiden). 19: v West Wales (Lanelli; 22: v East Wales (Newbridge); 27: v Wales (Cardiff Arms Part); 30: v Laineter (Donsybrook). Jenuary: 1: v Lister (Reventill); 5: v Instend (Lamerick); 8: v Murster (Cort); 12: v Scottlan Youth (Murrayfield); 15: v North and Midlands (Leicester): 18: v South West and London (Bristol); 20: v Hartequins Juniors (Stoop Memorial); 22: v England (Twickenhum).

© England Students face a busy

 England Students face a busy 18 months in the build-up to their World Cup in Italy in the summer of 1992. A squad of 48 required for training at Bisham Abbey from January 4 to 6 to prepare for internationals against Wales, Scotland and France, before touring Canada in July and August. Oxford who won the university match on Tuesday, provide two members, de Glanville and

Taylor, while Cambridge offer Six players - Hunter, Underwood, de Glanville, Hopley, and Moon in the backs, Rodber in the forwards - have already because of a disagreement over represented Enthe age limits, the Australians national level. represented England at B inter-

Moseley joins Newport

received a seven-month suspen-sion after being sent off in the international against France in January, announced earlier this month his intention of leaving Pontypool, where he was the He leaves a premier division

chub for one in the first division

of the Heineken League, though

KEVIN Moseley, the lock capped five times by Wales, has joined Newport. Moseley, who received a seven-month suspension after being sent off in the wastipped to win his services. • Bob Kimmins, the Orrell and

England B lock, has withdrawn

from the North's team to play

the divisional championship to-

morrow. He has yet to recover

On the surface, this suggests that violence is rampant in the inaugural year of Wales's structured competition. For the first time, clubs are playing for divisional points. Honour is more clearly at stake and, weekly, positions are to be contested. Promotion is to be aimed for, relegation avoided;

A SET of statistics which show

that 21 players have been sent off in nine Saturdays, half the

fixtures in the Welsh

Heineken League, should con-

centrate anyone's attention.

This figure is clearly unaccept-

able. But we need to take care.

justified. There is a tension in the air. The league had the least auspicious of beginnings. The competition was hardly four minutes old when Les Peard, the international referee, sent off Denzil Earland, of Pontypridd, in the game against Llanelli. The back row forward was later joined by his

excuses to be made, form

colleague, Jim Scarlett. Statistics never tell the whole story, however. And on this occasion a hasty conclusion from a superficial analysis of these figures could easily, and unfairly, taint Welsh rugby.

Club coaches admit that the character of Welsh rugby is undergoing a change. Life nowadays is lived permanently on a knife edge; emo-tions, whether fulfilled or frustrated, are necessarily

the Midlands at Headingley in sharper. In these circumstances there has necessarily to be better the off-the-ball incidents," he discipline Which hripes us to said, referring to the two touch from a back injury and his place

GERALD DAVIES

statistics can properly reflect. almost without exception in my experience this season, has considerably changed.

If there was an undercurrent of ill-feeling in that first match at Stradey Park this has not been the pattern elsewhere. There were times in past "friendlies" when the atmosphere of skullduggery was uncomfortably ominous, almost tangible, from the very start of the game.

No league game as yet in my experience has generated that kind of hostility. They have been almost free of thuggery. If the standard of rugby may not be what one would wish, there cannot be very many complaints about the general standard of behaviour. "Of course, we are unhappy

with these statistics," Ken Rowlands, the WRU referee development officer, said. We'd prefer not to have any send-offs at all, naturally. But I have meetings regularly with referees and they confirm that the standard of discipline is vastly improved.

"They no longer have to deal with those prolonged The game is cleaner."

punch-ups that used to occur. Derek Bevan, the Welsh international referce, agrees. The three pairs of eyes have done away with so many of

a cleaner face of the game now know that certain things simply cannot occur the way they used to." In which case, are the

> on league tension which could cause violence? "No, I don't think so ." Rowlands said. "It's not the motivation or the early tension of the leagues that causes men to be sent off, because most of them occur well into

referees over-reacting, feeling

the need to clamp down early

The referees have come to understand what standards are expected of them. That can only be to the good of the game as a whole.

"My belief is that the sending-off figures will decline dramatically in the new year. The clubs and the coaches are already getting the message about discipline, but some players are slow to understand that the chances of winning are substantially reduced if a team plays with a man short. The penny for some silly players, who commit violence, still takes a long time to drop, I'm afraid."

Pm afraid."

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Newport. November 26: A Sutton of
Newbridge v Llanell; M Picidion of
Newbridge v

Leeds GS go out on try rule

SCHOOLS RUGBY

by MICHAEL STEVENSON The inaugural Daily Mail cup for under-18 teams has seen some real dramas, with no game more exciting than Leeds Gran-mar School's visit to RGS Newcastle in the north-east semi-final. The sides drew 21-21 but RGS went through, having scored four tries to three and will meet St Edward's Liverpool in the new year.
In the south-west group, RGS

High Wycombe kept the State sector's flag flying with victory against Wellington College (14-8) and will now meet Bishop Wordsworth's, who defeated Exeter College by 17-9 in their semi-final. Ellesmere safely negotiated their semi-final in the Midland group with victory over King Edward's, Aston by

wins, ended a mixed season with the disappointment of defeat by tended to defeat King Edward VII, Lytham (19-16), but have lost only to Sedbergh and St Edward's Liverpool.

QECS Wakefield have had good wins to report against Hymer's, Ashville, King's Macclesfield, Nottingham HS and Leeds GS but lost narrowly to Bradford GS, by 21-17, through two late penalties, having trailed 12-0 then led 17-12. Wirrai GS, enjoying superb form, won their tenth successive game when they defeated King's Macclesfield (12-13). They followed with 28-3 victory

against Liverpool College. Merchant Taylors', Crosby. deprived Birkenhead of their unbeaten record (16-0) and have not lost since their opening fixture. Denstone having lost four of their first five matches. fought back creditably with ten

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Seeds go tumbling in tennis's Grand Slam Cup as an army of underdogs snap at their heels

Vheaton aims to make Lendl pay

naments into the grand slams

and the rest and regards the

GSC as one of the latter, a run

Lendi, of course, has no

worries about spare cash or

school fees, having earned

\$17m in his 12-year career. "I

am getting sick talking about

money. Once you realise you have earned enough for your-self and your family for life, you just ignore it," he said.

Fed up with talking about the

stuff, not earning it, notice. As usual, Lendl has hit the nail firmly on the head with his

It is, he thinks, an attempt

by the international Tennis

Federation (ITF) to establish a

framework for a tour to rival

the ATP should things get nasty over the Agassi affair or

"Any competition is always good for all. If they do it

smartly, they could have two

circuits with one joint rank-

ing, like golf. It would be nice to win here, though the title

wouldn't mean much now

apart from the money. But in

20 or 30 years it could mean a

lot," he said, though he re-fused to speculate on what he

anything else.

comments about the GSC.

for his money, so to speak.

WITH four of the eight seeds already departed and two more bound to fall in the quarter-finals, the Grand Slam Cup is at least following the trend of democracy estab-lished in the rest of a year which produced four different grand slam champions.

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Grace

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Michael Chang stayed on course to be the lifth, with a straight-sets victory over Henri Leconte in the first of the quarter-finals yesterday. Chang has prepared longer than anyone for this event and, having beaten Edberg in the first round, met little coherent resistance from the Frenchman. Chang won 7-6, 6-3 in an hour and 35 minutes.

One of those, David Wheaton, from the Lake Wobegon country of Minnesota, faces the daunting prospect of al-most doubling his career prize-money in three days if he can catch Lendi off duty in the Olympiahalle tonight and reach the semi-finals.

Victory would ensure the American of a cheque for \$450,000, (£230,000) which would probably break the bank in his bome town of Lake Minnetonka. But the very thought of that kind of for this event, and could give

No progress by Britons

RON Presley, the outgoing president of the Lawn Tennis induced, not only by the press but also through them, the British public.

progress by Britain's leading players in the world game over

Nor are there any signs of any top 10 players of the future emerging from the junior ranks, any benefits of that investment. he told the LTA's annual meeting at Oucen's Club, London. Presley, who has been in office three years, said: "It is the British performance in inter-Presley is being succeeded by his deputy, Ian King, aged 51.

money, just for winning a few Lendl, who divides tourtennis matches, can make the lower-paid employees on the tennis circuit go weak at the

As Wheaton admitted, dollar signs did cloud his vision when it came to winning his first-round match against Yannick Noah, "At the breakpoint I thought about the \$300,000 and I really started shaking," he said. Brad Gil-bert, who plays his Davis Cup colleague, Aaron Krickstein, in the quarter-finals tonight, also took fright at the prospect of cashing in his insurance policy early.

"I was all right until Pete Sampras said to me before the match: 'You know if you win this match, you can take care of your kid for life'." Gilbert took a set to get the shakes out of his system before beating Jonas Svensson. "I still want to win whether I play for \$100,000 or \$10," he added.

Wheaton is so honest, wholesome and clean-cut he could have come straight off the streets of Garrison Keiler's make-believe town of Lake Wobegon. He has also been smart enough to prepare hard

have to be patient before we saw

Well, patience is something we will have to continue to use."

might be doing at the time. Presumably, Compaq, the title sponsors of the Grand Slam Cup, have the technology to set up a ranking system of their own in opposition to IBM, who sponsor the ATP "Last year I said that the LTA had made a major investment in coaches and coaching but that we and the British public would

If you could only qualify for the grand slams by playing in ITF-backed tournaments with ITF points, for sake of argument, Lendl's dream of two tours could yet come true. But it might cost the game dear.



Looking ahead: Lendl moves easily past Bergstrom

Sharp rise

in costs

BOXING

Mason pours scorn on contest that could prove risky

By SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT

everyone wants to see, between Gary Mason, the British champion, and Lennox Lewis, the European title holder, did not take place. Not because Lewis "is going to bottle it," as Mason and his manager, Mickey Duff, said, after the British champion had stopped James Pritchard, of the United States, in the ninth round at the Albert Hall on Wednesday night, but because of the serious financial problems of the Levitt Group, the money

behind Lewis. Neither Lewis nor his manager, Frank Majoney, wasavailable for comment yesterday. Lewis is in Canada. But a member of Lewis's camp said: "We don't know from one hour to the next what's going to happen. But all will be revealed by Frank at a press conference

Duff's company, National Promotions, in the meantime won the purse bid for the contest, but Duff still believes that Lewis will find some excuse

"If I were his manager I would "If I were his manager I would think he wasn't ready yet to face Gary Mason," Duff said. "To put it mildly it would be a big, big risk. But if he wants to—fine. Mason is the best heavy-weight Britain has produced in the 40 years I've been in hyving."

boxing. Mason was of the same opinion. "I think his bottle has ne," he said. "He's not ready to fight someone like me, especially after seeing me come back from America in this shape and seeing this performance.
But all I know is that my next
fight will be for the European
title — Lennox Lewis or not. I hope he wasn't impressed with me and will go through with the

However much Duff and Mason might belittle Lewis, the

IT WOULD be a pity if the bout bout remains an unnecessarily risky one for Mason, especially as Don King, the American promoter, is talking about a multi-million dollar match with Tyson in June in London.
It is surprising to find so

cautious a group as Duff, Terry Lawless and Jarvis Astaire tak-ing a contest that could upset a chance to make millions. Do they really have such complete faith in their own propaganda? Or have the master bype artists byped themselves into a match they could have done without?

Whereas Lewis is young and resilient enough to come back if he loses, Mason risks losing all credibility if he is humbled by

credibility if he is humbled by the man he has been rubbishing. Lewis, who won the Olympic gold medal in Seoul, is young, athletic, strong and bigger than Mason. Lewis has not reached his full potential, but being naturally gifted, he could pull out something on the night to embarress his archetical. embarrass his arch-rival.
"I can't wait to meet Mason."

he said after jabbing Jean Mau-rice Chanet, the tough European champion from France,

Certainly Pritchard, 2st 6lb lighter than the 16st 12lb Mason and a good few inches shorter, and a good tew inches snorter, caught the Englishman too often for comfort with the jab. While weighing in under 17st seemed to have helped Mason's stamina, his performance on the whole reminded me of school dinners, good and wholesome. He was too deliberate and slow shaping into his punches and often stood back to see what effect a big punch had on Pritchard instead of giving him another one. Worst of all, Mason your punches lacked explosions and the stood of the stood o

Kirkland Laing is to defend his British welterweight title against Del Bryan at the Albert Hall on January 16.

YACHTING

Alert for

a Tokyo

taxi man

By BARRY PICKTHALL

AFTER a week of trauma in the

Southern Ocean, the 19 skippers who remain in the BOC single-

handed round the world race.

had an uneventful day

yesterday.

John Martin, who reported

that his autopilot systems had all failed earlier in the week, has

won back his 370-mile lead over two French rivals, Alain Gautier

and Christophe Auguin who are

Josh Hall continues to hold

second place in class 2, despite

his terrifying capsize on

Wednesday. Even Nandor Fa and Hal Roth, the two solo

yachtsmen forced by damage to turn back for South Africa last

week are now within a day of

Last night, the only question mark remained over the plight

of Yukoh Tada, from Japan. On

Wednesday, a radio conversation he was having with a ham radio operator in Cape Town

was broken in mid-sentence and

yesterday his 50ft yacht covered

a mere 66 miles in 22 hours, suggesting the Tokyo taxi driver

may have run into trouble. With less than 1,400 miles to

the Sydney finish on the second stage of the race from Cape

Town Martin has now begun to

making port safely.

RUGBY LEAGUE

division is in sight

By KEITH MACKLIN

THE admission of Scarborough to the second division of the league will give the green light to a further historic development. the formation of three divisions at the start of the 1992-3 season. Scarborough's entry still has to be approved by a two-thirds majority at a meeting of all club representatives next month. However, the proposal of the board of directors seems certain to be endorsed, and this would bring the number of clubs in the Rugby Football League (RFL) to 36, creating a platform for three divisions of 12 clubs each. David Howes, the public affairs executive of the RFL, said yesterday: "It has always been the desire and intention of the league to consider the move to three divisions as and when we reached a total of 36 clubs. If Scarborough are admitted the matter will ment and get early and urgent consideration by the board of directors."

With the creation of three divisions clubs struggling hopelessly in the bottom reaches of the second division would be given a new lease of life. If and when three divisions

become a reality one of the major proponents of the idea will retire happily from a long and honourable career. Roger Millward, the half back, who had an illustrious career as a Great Britain player, and led Hull Kingston Rovers to a bost of triumphs both as player and coach, has said he will retire at the end of this season.

Millward has spoken out for the three divisions principle for nearly a decade. He says the system would save many of the impoverished and unsuccessful second division clubs from going to the wall.

Representatives of the Batley and Oldham clubs have been called to appear before next Wednesday's meeting of the board of directors. This follows the suspension last night of John Cogger, the Oldham loose forward, who received a two-match ban from the disciplinary committee at Leeds for "making a provocative gesture at the crowd during the Trophy tie between Batley and Oldham Regals Trophy tie last Sunday.

Martin Dermott, the Wigan hooker required a province of the p hooker, received a two-match suspension after being sent off for a high tackle, and Paul for the future. They have been building towards the Barcelona Olympics since 1987 when they brought a young squad to the

Dixon, the Leeds forward, received a one-match ban for punching a Widnes opponent. SNOOKER

HOCKEY

England searching for

the right combination

By ALIX RAMSAY

Additional Fortune keeps Davis in race

matchplay tournament in

Strentwood.

As it was, he led only 5-3 at the main interval and required a further four frames to take his unbeaten record in Britain this season into the final against the defending champion, Jimmy White. In view of their recent match in the United Kingdom championship final, when he led Davis 6-1 but beat him only 16-15, Hendry must have known the size of the task that still beginning with a plant, and 5 and 15 and season into the final against the

ENGLAND'S squad for the four

nations women's tournament in San Sebastian, Spain, which starts today, has been selected with the European Cup in mind. The selectors have opted for a mixture of youth and experience and between them the team.

manager, Jenny Cardwell, and the coach, Sue Slocombe, will be

looking to try out several combinations in the games against Netherlands, Spain and

The Soanish event also marks

the return to the international scene of Joan Lewis, who has

made a remarkable recovery

from a serious leg injury incurred in the opening rounds of

the World Cup last season.

There is only one newcomer,
Kirsten Spencer, but for some

like Fiona Lee and Jane Robert-

son, their only taste of inter-national action has come from

the home countries tournament.

For them, the Spanish trip could

prove a baptism of fire.
England open the tournament

against the world champions, Netherlands. While the Dutch had to do a bit of fine tuning to

restructure their squad at the beginning of last season, they organised themselves well for the World Cup, easing past England 5-0 in the semi-finals on their way to the title.

Spain too have been planning

BUT for two slices of luck, both against him. Stephen Hendry, the world champion, might have been confident last night of easily beating Steve Davis in the semi-final of the Coalite world match last number of 84 in the second forms. of 84 in the second frame.

At that point, however, Hendry, who said "The gods are smiling on me" after fluking a red in the final frame to beat Dean Reynolds by 9-8 in the quarter-finals, found that the

confronted him.

At first it was plain sailing for snooker, and then won the Hendry, who had beaten Davis frame on the pink after escaping

World Cup. Last time they played England, Spain won 2-1

At the same event, England

beat France, thanks to goals from Tammy Miller and Jane

Sixsmith France something of

an unknown quantity, are not in

in Madrid in 1989.

Wembley.

Having fought back from 64-0 down to 64-43 behind in frame seven, Hendry then suffered another jarring blow when Davis fluked the frame ball pink off the jaws of a top pocket and into

Davis, level at 3-3, was poised to win frame seven, trailing by 34 points but with 35 available to him on the table, but after taking the last red he missed the

RESULTS: Send-finale: S Hendry (Scot) leads S Davis (Engl., 5-3. Frame scores (Hendry Rest) 95-85, 0-84, 102-15, 94-4. (Mercry Intel 96-35, 19-8, 192-15, 99-4, 53-74, 43-82, 94-31, 90-8, Wednesday's late result: J White (Engl bt T Griffiths (Wales), 9-2.

ORDER OF PLAY (for final): Today: 1pm (7 Irames) and 7pm (8 Irames) and 7pm (11 Irames).

SWIMMING

Deakins plans attack on **British record**

By CRAIG LORD

RECORDS are on the minds of Joanne Deakins and Mike Fibbens as they go into the

Clonester grand prix.

Deakins is looking to her home crowd at the Ecclesiastical Life meeting, from today until Sunday at the Gloucester leisure the top flight but are a solid outfit capable of causing an upset. England also meet France in March for the Typhoo Cup at centre, to spur her to break her British record of 2min 13.27sec in the 200 metres backstroke on the eve of leaving for Perth, Australia, and the world

ENGLAND SQUAR: A Clexton, J Thompson, F Lee, K Brown, S Lister, J Atlans, V Dbon, L Bayliss, M Nichols, M Navill, J Levits, J Robertson, T Miller, K Admson, K Spencer, J Shamith, FRXTURES: Today: 11am: England v Netherlands; 1pm: Spain v France, Tomorrow: 11am: Netherlands v France, 1pm: England v Spain. Sunday: 11am: France v England; 1pm: Netherlands v Spain. champiouships.
Deakins, aged 19, ended the six-year reign of Kathy Read as Britain's leading backstroke swimmer by finishing fourth in the 200 metres at the Commonwealth Course in Inspector wealth Games in January.
Fibbens, of Barnet, will use ● As title holders, St Albans are expected to overcome the oppo-sition in the qualifying round of the Royal Bank men's indoor

Gloucester as a springboard towards the grand prix final at Southampton in the spring when he intends to attempt to break the world best time at 100 metres freestyle.

the Trust, said. would review its contributions because it was also under pressure to grant-aid capital works in line with Lord Justice Taylor's recommendations on

their FA Cup third round tie against Liverpool all-ticket. Ewood Park has a capacity of

League side, yesterday joined Crystal Palace for a fee of £100,000.

No German clubs remain in

this year's Uefa Cup after Wednesday's third-round, second leg matches. Italian clubs have secured four of the quarterfinal places.

FOOTBALL

Barnet's tonic for of policing their sick manager

By WALTER GAMMIE

BARRY Fry, the Barnet manager, defied doctors' orders to travel to Northampton to see his side claim a notable scalp in the FA Cup second round replay last night. Fry had spent Tues-day night in a Harley Street bospital after a heart murmur was diagnosed and he was told

not to go to the match.

The 1-0 win, thanks to a 63rd-minute goal by Andrew Clarke, acted as a perfect tonic to Fry all-ticket crowd of 8,500 at Barnet for the third-round tie

Nicky Evans, the Wycombe Wanderers forward, was three times thwarted by superb goalkeeping by Paul Bradshaw and also had a header kicked off the line in the first half of the 1-1 draw against Peterborough United. Martin Blackler put Wycombe ahead in the second half, only for Paul Culpin to

Tony Griffiths, a substitute,

HIFS Loans League, a 1-1 draw at home to Chester City, of the third division, who had led from the fifth minute through a goal by Carl Dale.

by Carl Dale.
Colchester United will be the third non-League club to replay on Monday when they travel to play Leyton Orient after a 0-0 draw at Layer Road. Barrow ended Whitley Bay's hopes of appearing in the third round for the second successive year when y won away I-O,

Gilmour scoring.

Burnley, of the fourth division, beat Stoke City, of the third division, 2-0, and Brentford won 3-1 at Birmingham in the all-third division match at St Andrew's. Burnley next meet Manchester City, who are doing A blistering drive from 30 yards by John Harkes, a mem-

ber of the United States World Cup team, put Sheffield Wed-nesday on their way to a 2-1 victory over Derby County and

a place in the quarter-final round of the Rumbelows Cup.

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

FA CLIP: Second round: Strmingham 1, Brenstord 3: Burnley 2, Stoke 0; Col-chester United 0, Leyton Orient 0; Crawa Alexandra 1, Atherstone 0; Leek Town 1, Chester City 1; Whitley Bay 0, Berrow 1; Wycombe Wanderers 1, Peterborugh United 1. Second round replay: North-ampson 0, Barnet 1.

LEYLAND DAF CUP: Preliminary round: Lincoln 1, Waisall 1. B & Q SCOTTISK LEAGUE: First division: Forfar 1, Felidirk 2.

Forfer 1, Felidrik 2.
UEFA CUP: Twind round, escond leg:
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Bologne 3, Admire Wacker 0 (3-3 on egg;
set: Bologne win 6-5 on penaties);
Bordeatz 0, AB Romes 2 (0-7 on egg);
Borustia Dortmund 2, Andertecht 1 (2-2 on egg, Andertecht win on swey goals);
Purtizan Belgrade 1, Internazionale 1 (1-4 on egg);
Sporting Liston 2, Wisese Arnhem (Neth) 1 (4-1 on egg).
SPANNSH SUPER CUP: Second less Fleat SPANISH SUPER CUP: Second leg: Rest Madrid 4, Barcelone 1 (5-1 on agg).

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: South Liverpool 0, Marine 1. LARCHINAGE: WHIDOWS CUP: Second round, second leg: Corby S, King's Lynn 4 (3-7 on agg). (3-7 on agg).

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: Hudders-field 0, Leads 4: Manchester United 4, Rotherhem 2: Newcastle 0, Manchester City 4: Notifingham Forest 4, Coventry 3: Wolves 1, Liverpool 3. Second division: Barnatey 1, Braditord City 0; Grimsby 2, Stackpool 1; Middlesbrough 0, Hudi 0; York 2, West Bromwich 2. OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Ful-ham 3, Swindon 1; Reading 1, Luton 3; West Ham 1, Ipswich 0. SEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Southern Christon: Bury Town 0, Dunstable 1; Farsham 0, Hythe 0.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier di-vision: Frome 1, Weston-super-Mare 0; Saltzeh 3, Bideford 2. VALUGIALL LEAGUE: Locate Cap: First sound: Chesham 2. Enfield 1 (act). Locate Trophy: First round: Edgware 2. Meldenhead 4; Hampson 2. Episom and Ewell (7. Seffron Walden 3. Royaton 4 (act): Tring 0. Withom 3.

edge northwards, heading for the notorious Bass Strait where Gipsy Moth V was wrecked in the first BOC Challenge

the first BOC Challenge
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FOR THE RECORD

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89. Group C: Iraide Salonian (Gr) 112, Medicase (Fr) 88, Group D: Panicholos Aphens
(Gr) 81, KK Zuder (Yug) 81.
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Sarrijevo (Yug) 75. Group B Dynamo Volgograd (USSR) 82. Loleanate: Sofie (Bu) 82.
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Group C: Racing Cub Parie 82, CSKA
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BIATHLON

KUALA LUMPUR: Five Continent classic. Asia 5, Africa 2: Oceania 1, Europe 1. ICE HOCKEY

POWERBOATING

AUCKLAND: World chemberships: Fin ruce: 1, 6 Sent Els (Arg), ET Teopor; 2, 1 Boylen and 8 Thompson (NZ), Humminbird. **RUGBY LEAGUE**

CLUB MATCHES: Sudbury 15, Handranth 12, REPRINSIPE MATCHESE: Middlewer, County Clubs 25, Combined Lyndon Old Boye 22, The Army 20, Territorial Army 15, SCHOOLS MATCHESE Elthern 4, Bryanston 33-MOULS MATCHES: Emain 4, Brysneton 16 Langie Park 7, Chesteam 63 5, Radiay and Welfington 29, Falcon, Zimbabne 7; St Dungtans 51, TE Bennet's XV II, CHICAGNESHIRE LINDERT 18 CUSP. Flash Han-lay College 9, Lord William's, Thame 7.

TODAY'S FIXTURES BOXING: York Half amateur event: Llon Club v Tallin, Estonia.

EQUESTRIANISM: Show jumping (Clym-

SNOCKER: Coellie World Matchplay (Brantwood Cantre).

SPORT ON TV

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: Screensport 07.00-09.00: College match: C4 17.30-18.00: Red 42. BSB 18.30-19.00. Netional Footbal Lague. BASKETBALL: Screensport 18.00-20.00:

NEA. BOXING: Screensport 12.00-14.00 and 21.00-22.30: Professional events.

Grand Prix meet

FOOTBALL Barclays League Third division Bournemouth v Swansea ... Tranmers v Reading

RUGBY LEAGUE REALON LAGER ALLIANCE: First di-vision: Featherstone Rovers v Selford: Hulf KR v Widnes: Leeds v Wigan; Oxform v Null; St Helens v Haffier; Wartingson v Casteford: Second division: Huddersfield v Rochdale Homets, Ryedale York v Trafford Borough (8.0).

OTHER SPORT BASKETBALL: Europeen Small Nations tournament (Cardiff).

Denis Tingay's suggestion for a sporting day out

Final: The Durham Wasps and Murrayfield Racers, who between them have dominated domestic terms. league and cup competition over the last few years, face-off at Whitley Bay lee rink tomorrow for the first of

TRY THIS

(Brentwood Car SWIMMING:

or Canadian players. HOW TO GET THERE: The ice rink is situated on the A191 in Whitisy Bay, Tyne and Wear, and can be reached by taiding the A1058 inrough the Tyne tunnel before turning left at the Tyne Mouth swimming pool on to the A1058, and

CRICKET: Sky One 23.00-08.45; World Saries Cup: England v New Zeeland. DARTS: BSS 14.00-16.00, 20.00-22.00 and 00.30-02.30 (tomorrow): Winmeu World Masters EUROSPORT NEWS: Eurosport 23.00-23.30. FCOTBALL: Screensport 16.00-17.00:

Argentinian league. GOLP: Screensport 09.00-11.00: US PSA. Exceptort 14.50-17.00: US seniors count. ICE HOCKEY: Someonepart 14.00-16.00 and 22.30-00.30: National Hockey JET SKI RACING: Eurosport 22.30-25.00:

World lour. MOTOR SPORT: BSB 19.00-19.30. MULTI SPORTS: Eurosport 07.30-08.30: World Games. RACING: 998 13.30-14.00 and 23.30-RACHAR SISS 13:30-14.00 and 23:30-midnight. Racing navs.
RALL YBN2: Eurosport 09:00-10:00: World champlowships.
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SMCONES: Eurosport 12:30-14:30 and 23:30-01:30: Dubal Classic. ITV 14:20-16:25 and 23:10-00:35: World materipley from Brantwood. from Brantwood. SPORT ON FREDAY: BBC2 14.00-16.00:

Tennis: Grand Starn cup from Nurich; Stoing: World Cup; Show jumping: From Olympia.

Olympie. SPORTSDESK: BSB 13.25, 18.00, 19.30,

22.00 and midnight. 12.00 and midnight. 12.00-1.00: Europe v United States, 888 16.00-17.00.

DRAW: Cocks Moots Woods Centre, Binningham: Pool 1: Barford Tigers, Leominister, Haverit, Cannock: Pool 4: Stouport, RAF Support Command, Bourmille, Khalsa (Middlesse), Castle Sports Cosspier, Spelding: Pool 2: St Albans, Surblan, Harborne, Crostys. Pool 6: Werthington, Cambridge City. East Grinsteed, West Herts. Oasts Laleane Centre, Swindon: Pool 2: Old Louginonians, Old Registerians, House-low, Slough. Pool 7: Blackheath, Frebrands, Alderiey Edge, CS Bash Buccanteers. Sichard Dame Centre, Syndonia Pool 8: Worcestar Norton, Purley, Welton, Gloupenter City. Pool & Donesser, RAF Strike Command, Weisefeld, Harlaston Megples. new homeland. should have been welcomed There was no one in England to

> great crowd pleaser. terday he finally showed his frustration. "There has been continous opposition in certain quarters to the idea of my playing for England," he said.

council of the English Table Tennis Association (ETTA) vote in favour of his immediate selection, against the wishes of its chairman, John Prean. Chen qualified by only two days under the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF)

two-year rule in time to play in

the World Team Cup in Japan

last May, when he helped England to win the bronze medal.

He just escaped the ITTF's extension of its eligibility regula-

THE bill for policing football in Britain last season was a record at £6.82 million, an increase of 42.5 per cent on last season.

42.5 per cent on last season.

Football Trust statistics for the 1989-90 season, issued yesterday, cover only the Barclays League, the B & Q Scottish League and the GM Vauxhall Conference, which means the overall figure is far higher.

About two-thirds of the costs made much the clube with the

were met by the clubs, with the Football Trust paying £1.98 million. Policing outside taxpayer.
"Given the emphasis the

Home Office is placing on full economic charges, the possibil-ity of further increases is a serious cause for concern for clubs," Peter Lee, secretary of

for a recommendations on ground safety.

For the third time in four seasons, Chelsea paid the highest charges in England — £242,335, a rise of £75,000 (45%) on the 1988-89 season. They were followed by West Ham at £225,424.

Blackburn Rovers have made their FA Cup third round tie.

19,500. Stan Collymore, a young forward with Stafford Rangers, the GM Vauxhall Conference

Keith Edwards, who has scored more goals than any other active League player, has been transfer-listed by Hudders-

TABLE TENNIS

Chen fears that he has outlived his welcome

By RICHARD EATON

WHEN Chen Xinhua arrived in tions, in April, and it is under Manchester in May, 1987, it seemed that China had lost a great player and England had gained one. The year after winning the world team champ-England hoping to represent his On the face of it, his arrival

match him and he was also a Yet his second international career has been restricted and dogged by controversy and yes-

The problems began almost as soon as he arrived. Only at the last moment did the national

these rule changes that he has been banned from playing in all open events within Europe.
With adverse reaction following Chen's withdrawal from the England team to play France at Brentwood in September, there is speculation he may never play for England again. Chensaid: "It is a great sur-prise and disappointment to

with the description of a tournament as being open." The ETTA is appealing against this ban, but not on behalf of Chen himself but against the ban on principle. This distancing itself from the player by the association almost certainly has its roots in the Brentwood incident.

hear I had been banned from

European open tournaments, even as an individual compet-

resulted in a false impression of my attitude being conveyed," Chen says. He hopes to repair the damage by playing every five star tournament and the English closed championships RESIA TS: Hiscartney and Rowle Chastic (at Brentamod: Group At C Prem bt M O'Driscoll 21-11, 21-12; O'Driscoll bt M Synd 21-18, 16-21, 21-19; Pram bt Synd 21-11, 21-8. Group St. A Cooks bt S Gibson 21-9, 21-13; D Dougles bt Gibson 21-22, 21-13; D Dougles bt Gibson

scored an equaliser in injury-time to earn Leek Town, of the

ampoint 0, same 1.

RUMBELLOWS CUP: Fourth mand replay:
Derby 1. Shoffield Wednesday 2.

ZENITH DATA SYSTEMS CUP: Second round: Chelses 1. Swindon 0; Oxford United 1, Portsmouth 0; Wimbledon 0. Inswicto 1.

IN BRIEF

Boost for Sheffield

THE European Parliament yes-terday carmarked £700,000 to back the World Student Games, to be held in Sheffield next July. It is the second piece of good news for the organisers this week. BSkyB earlier announced it would be the host broadcaster. GOLF: The Volvo Masters tournament at Valderrama, Spain, has been brought forward a week to October 24 to 27. ■ England have two Curtis Cup players, Julie Hall and Linzi Fletcher, in a squad for the women's Spanish Open amateur championship at Sotogrande itor. I do not see how this can fit SQUASH RACKETS: The Squash Rackets Association will

eek explanations from both players and clubs involved in Chris Dittmar's unexpectedly comfortable victory over Jansher Khan in the Pimm's premier league this week. BOXING: Seven boxers from the Tallin club in Estonia are matched against an invitation squad representing the Lion club, of London, at York Hall, "This was a mistake caused by a misunderstanding and has

> first amateur tournament in Britain against Soviet boxers. MOTOR SPORT: Gareth Rees, aged 21, from Bath, last night received the £20,000 McLaren/Autosport Young Driver of the Year award. BIATHLON: Sergei Tschepikov, the World Cup holder, beat Anatoly

Bethnal Green, today. It is the

BADMINTON

GOLF

COUNTY MATCHES: Combridgeshire 158; Nortigit 155; Northerns 105, Bedfordshire 126.

NTERNATIONAL MATCH: Brazil C. Mexico MITERIATIONAL MATER SINGL (), MINOCO () for Los Angeles). CENTRAL AFRICAN CUP: Semi-finite; (Irosp A: Zimbatwe) 1, Zarobier (). OXFOROSHIEE UNDER-19 CUP: Finat: Hen-ley College 4, Wanage 1. HOCKEY

MATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Boston Brains & Heritard Whalers 1: Toronto Mapte Leaft & Montreal Canadiens 1; Edmonton Ollers & Vencouver Canadies 4.

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Kelly is unlikely to shift stumbling block

By STUART JONES POOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

GRAHAM Kelly, the chief executive of the Football Association, yesterday produced a document designed to alter the strategic planning of the game's authorities. His proposals are to be discussed by the FA Council on January 14 but, even if they are accepted then, they promise to be rejected by the League. As in the blueprint published

by the League two months ago, Kelly insists that the administration can be streamlined only by forming an executive board. Although both bodies share the view that there should be 12 members, they disagree on the number of respective repre-

The League is adamant that if the partnership is to be seen to be six. Kelly concedes that, although the Council has yet officially to talk about the equation, "concern has been expressed about the 50-50 split". The FA is putting forward a different set of figures.

It is willing to have no more than four representatives from the League and defends the apparent imbalance by pointing out that it has a far greater overall responsibility within the game. On such a comparatively trivial matter rests the future implementation of both sets of

Unless agreement can be

reached, the two bodies are likely to continue to follow separate paths. The opportunity to benefit from the interest provoked by England's success in the World annual income of £25 million could be more than doubled) will have been lost. Kelly said that the League's

proposals "painted a picture of disharmony, which is not the case". As if to disprove his opinion, which cannot be shared by many either inside or outside of the game, another example of the public discord was revealed as he was speaking during a lunch at a London hotel.

The FA had suggested that £3.5 million of the money provided by the television com-panies should be used to improve the nine stadiums where the 1998 World Cup finals would be staged. David Dent, the secretary, announced that the League opposes the plan and suggests instead that "new rev-

Neither the FA nor the League intend to ask other interested parties, such as the Professional Footballers' Association (PFA), the managers, the referees and the supporters, to be involved in

the scheme. Yet unless they do so, they can scarcely refute allegations that they are not reflecting every view to be held. The Football Stadia Advisory

Design Council, set up by the FA and the League, and the Footballing Licensing Authority, the government's responsibility, are stumbling around in the dark. The injection of £100 million over five years, provided by the reduction in the betting tax, is welcome but there needs to be a national plan covering the collective investment restruggle to keep pace with trends. Commercial activities

A separate limited company should be set up to exploit hot properties such as the FA Cup and the England crest. Television contracts are to be renewed in a year or two and football must be prepared to take on the intense competition. A Junior England club is be formed to attract youngsters, who can identify with the national team.

Almost all respected coaches say that young talent is being drastically mishandled. There are too many competitions, the fear factor is prevalent and oped. Eleven-a-side games should be played only by those sign boys from the local area.

Physiological testing in the human performance department at Lilleshall must be mandatory for all of the leading youngsters. Medical problems should be diagnosed and treated at the earlest opportunity. Fixture lists at youth level should be reduced.

With the League and the PFA, a scheme is being developed to broaden the base. A grant of £3 million over two years has been donated by the Football Trust. In the new year Mini-Soccer, an activity which can be played anywhere, will be launched to encourage youngsters.

Video evidence will not be

circumstances steps will be taken to maintain discipline and to prevent the police taking action. Referees need to be recruited, although there are 1,500 more than last season.

Laws

Amendments must be researched before being put before the international board. It is anomalous that deliberate handling of the ball results in a yellow card and physical foul play warrants a red card. It is being proposed that anyone adjudged to have committed anofience which is "an affront to the game" will be sent off. It is also being proposed that a player can be ruled offside only if he is "seeking" to interfere with play.

England start on road back

From Alan Lee CRICKET CORRESPONDENT SYDNEY

A VICTORY which looked alternately improbable, problematic and elementary,
soothed the nerves of England's cricketers here last
night and restored their uneasy ascendancy over New
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Played on a sub-standard ageing rock star before his pitch, inclined to keep low, comeback concert. The analand featuring teams with chaotic injury problems, this World Series Cup match was always likely to stretch even the hyperbole of the Channel Nine commentary team.

It was not the greatest oneday game. It was influenced game against Victoria, before by a battling innings from he has a proper chance to by a battling innings from Allan Lamb and by the welcome curiosity of two spinners bowling in tandem. Even-tually, it was decided by a legbefore decision which was than merely

'Any win is a good win." the relieved captain, Graham Gooch, said. "There are obviously lots of areas of our cricket still to improve and the biggest of these is the batting, which is not up to standard. But we have at least made a

start on the road back." Gooch's decision to D seemed, ultimately, straightforward. Having exposed his recuperating hand without reaction in Bowral, and seen to his horror just how far his team had declined, he had

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The role of avenging hero did not, however, sit easily on the shoulders of a man struggling to reacquaint himself with his midsummer form.

Put in to bat, Gooch rightly decided that he should open as usual. As he went about his preparations, on the dressingroom balcony, the television cameras followed him as if they were backstage with an WORLD SERIES CUP

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ogy goes on, for Gooch had serious trouble remembering his famous lines.

A pressured innings in an overs match is not the ideal way back for him and it will be next week, and the four-day restore his touch in time for the Melbourne Test. Here, he scored three in 13 balls before pushing stiffly at one which left him.

When Larkins and Smith were out to unworthy strokes. England were 23 for three and much depended on Lamb. He came out with his face like a beaten boxer's, red and puffy from treatment, 24 hours earlier, to eradicate some cancerous spots on his skin.

In the circumstances, one could forgive him an impetuous birst dall smear neurotic running early in his stay. It was less easy to pardon him for the muddle in which John Morris, setting off reasonably for a third run to mid-wicket, was run out due to Lamb's indecision.

Fortunately, Stewart, who yesterday also took over the wicketkeeping gloves from Russell, is now in his best form of the tour, and a stand of 77 in 17 overs gave the total some body.

From there, the final six wickets fell for 51 runs in ten overs. England not only failed to reach 200 for the fourth

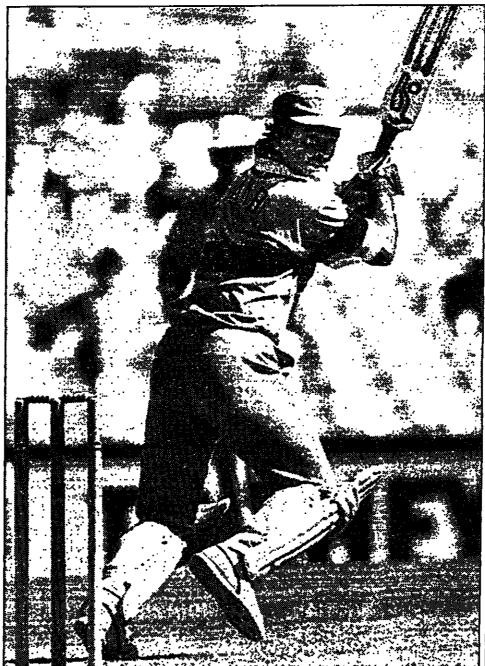
time in as many World Series

Cup games, they also failed by 20 balls to occupy their full quota of overs, which is rank bad cricket.

a mere formality and had put on 56 in 15 overs when Wright became a case of England against Crowe.

last 16, England could not relax. Inside the last ten, and New Zealand required only 57 by Morris on the midwicket boundary. Crowe's sub-sequent fall, leg-before to a ball which was arguably too high and undoubtedly missing leg stump, buried further speculation, and Crowe did not conceal his disgust. His depleted team must now beat England in Brisbane tomorrow to retain even a glimmer

Fighting broke out several times in the crowd of 10,000. The trouble appeared to emanate from a section of English supporters.



Fighting innings: Allan Lamb on his way to a top score for England

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New Zealand won toss **ENGLAND**

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NEW ZEALAND

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ing full toss to deep mid

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BOWLING: Bicknell 10-1-39-1, 1w (8-0-30-0); Fraser 9-1-21-2 (5-1-8-0), (4-0-12-2); Lewis 9-1-0-35-4, 1w (6-0-17-2), (4-1-0-18-2); Tutnell 10-1-27-0 (one spell)

World Cup gets the Australian touch

From Alan Lee

CRICKET'S next World Cup, to be played in the spring of 1992, has been Australianised. For the first time, coloured clothing and white balls will be used and five matches, including the final, will be played under floodlights.

In another fundamental change from the four previous World Cups, the eight competing countries will not be divided into two seeded groups. Instead, each side will play the other seven once each with the leading four then proceeding to the semi-finals. Of the 31 games, 20 will be held in Australia and the rest in New Zealand. The opening match, on February 22, will will be staged in Auckland, but the venue for the final, on

decision will be taken by the Australian Cricket Board (ACB) at its meeting in February. Melbourne is the logical choice, as its rebuilding work will be complete and the ground's capacity is almost double that of Sydney.

immense attraction. England, who will already have completed a six-week

a provocative, if predictable, tour of New Zealand, begin decision by naming Benson their Cup programme in and Hedges as sponsor of the

WORLD CUP DRAW

CUALIFYING MATCHES: February: 22: New Zesiand v Australia (Auckland), 22: Peleistan v India (Melbourne); England v Sri Laniqa (Perin), 25: New Zesiand v Zimbelove (Harmiton), 26: Australia v West Indias (Sydney, day/nighd, 26: Sri Lania v Zimbelove (New Plymouth), 22: West Indias v India (Adeleice); New Zesiand v England (Wellington), 3: Paidatan v Sri Lania (verue to be ermourced), 4: England v West Indias (Sydney, day/night); India v Zimbelove (Nepler), 7: All strate v Zimbelove, 1) opport: West

once, to play New Zealand in contention for the semi-finals, their last round-robin match, against Australia under the Melbourne lights, will be an The host nations have taken

india (Wellington), 11: Australia v Paldstan (Perth. day/night); England v Zimbalove (Canberra), 12: New Zeatand v Sri Lanta (Dunseln), 14: England v India (Sydney); Paldstan v Zimbalove (to be announced).

rasanan v Jimashwe (to be announced).
19: Australie v Srl Lanku (Brisbene); New Zeeland v West Indies (Australia v England (Melbourne, dayringin); West Indies v Zembahwe (to be announced); Indie v Srl Lanka (to be announced); New Zeeland v Pakistan SEMI-FINALS: March: 21: Auckland. 22:

competing for the honour. A Perth, against Sri Lanka, and Cup. It is predictable because only venture outside Australia Benson and Hedges has sponsored international cricket in Wellington. If they remain in Australia for 18 years, it is provocative because there is existing or threatened legislation in both countries to prohibit advertising by tobacco companies, including sponsorships.

Malcolm Gray, chairman of the World Cup committee, conceded yesterday that New Zealand's cricket authority still has to clear the matter with its government, but added: "We believe it is reasonable to accept sponsorship from any company producing something which is

Prize money for the World Cup will total about £100,000. If it was to start tomorrow,

Fifa to examine ways to bring back the goals ZURICH (Reuter) - The represent coaches. Other

executive committee of Fifa. footbali's world governing body, gave Africa an extra World Cup place yesterday at the expense of Europe and launched an investigation into ways of making the game more attractive. Fifa has decided to create a

task force to looks at ways of improving football, following criticism of the standard of play and shortage of goals at this year's World Cup finals. But the general-secretary, Sepp Blatter, declined to speculate on what changes might be proposed and refused to comment on reports that Fifa was considering widening the goals or reducing teams to ten-a-side.

However, the task force will be looking at ways of making the game more exciting. "We have to go for goals. Football is about getting the ball in the net," Blatter said. "It is an attacking game, but today they play to protect their own

The task force will meet in February but will not be ready to report before the next annual meeting of the rulemaking International Board in

The former French international Michel Platini, his country's national coach, will

members will include an ac-(probably Alexis Ponnet, of France), a club manager, a doctor and a media representative. The chairman will be Lennart Johansson, of Sweden, president of Uefa.

It was the displays of Cameroon in Italy, where they became the first African nation to reach the quarterfinals, which earned the continent a third place in the 1994 finals in the United Europe will still have 13 of

the 24 qualifiers, including the 1990 champions, Germany, and Fifa has decided to give a the Central and North American region a chance, but not a guarantee, of a third place. An increase in Asia's allocation of two was rejected partly because of a poor showing in the last competition.

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Costa Rica has been susended for two years from all Fifa youth competitions, including the Olympic tournament, for fielding an overage player while Colombia en barred indefinitely from hosting international games at national or club level because of fears for players'

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One game ban is likely

suspending him for one interfore, probably be omitted "strike an opponent". from the match against Cam-

verdict today if the referee's outcome.

THE Football Association is report, which must first be likely to punish Neil Webb by submitted to Fifa, arrives in time. If so, the disciplinary national for being sent off committee will discuss his during the England B game in written version of the decision Algeria on Tuesday (Stuart which was taken because Jones writes). He will, there-Webb was seen officially to

Should the FA find him eroon at Wembley on Feb- guilty of the charge, it is thought that a one-match The FA may announce the suspension will be the

Carling dropped by **London selectors**

By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

rugby union captain, has code of practice."
made his way into the head- Carling's co-cer lines for a variety of reasons, most of them this season undesirable. Yesterday he added another when he was dropped by London for their ADT divisional championship match against the South gow on business, but denied and South-West tomorrow, for failing to attend training and omitting to inform divi-sional officials he would be

Although he played in the first divisional match of the season, on December 1, he has since attended only one training night and then only for a limited period; his absence last week was due to a strained ankle ligament,

"Will didn't tell us he was not coming," Graham Smith, chairman of selectors, said. "We heard only by word of

Carling, England's mouth and we expect a certain Carling's co-centre, Damian

Hopley, is out witha damaged

knee cartilage. London's mid-

field will consist of John Buckton (Saracens) and Rob Lozowski (Wasps). Carling was delayed in Glasthat he had been "casual" in his approach to the match. "I had every intention of attending training but I have ex-

that my late arrival in London was unavoidable," he said. Earlier this season Carling was afflicted by an ankle injury and this month has had to rebut accusations that he infringed the amateur regulations. His place in the national training squad to go to Lanzarote in January, is not in

plained to London officials

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Ladbrokes issues writ

LADBROKES yesterday issued a writ for libel against Channel 4 and the maker of the documentary screened this week about bookmakers and starting prices at race meetings (Richard Evans writes).

Britain's largest firm of bookmakers declined to specify which aspect of the 45minute Dispatches programme, Against All Odds, they considered defamatory. judice," John Harounoff, head

Channel 4 last night defended the documentary. "This is a fair and responsible piece of journalism that investigated the way the betting industry is organised. We stand by it," a spokesman said.

Ladbrokes declined to take part in the programme or provide a spokesman. Michael Snapes, managing director of Corals, who did take part, "There is nothing further to expressed his disappointment add at this stage. It is sub at the programme's balance and is considering an offer to of public affairs for the appear on Channel 4's Right

Gooch felt the score of 194 to be inadequate but defensible against this New Zealand side.Already without Jones and Smith, they have now lost Greatbatch, who returns home today for treatment on a knee. Crowe and Wright opened the innings and both teams knew that there was little of substance to follow. They began as if victory was was spectacularly caught at slip, by Lamb, off Lewis. It

This contest was subtly won and lost, Tufnell deserves credit for another nerveless spell of attacking left-arm pin, this time supplemented by the naggings of Hemmings. Most important of all was Crowe's inability to dominate the strike. In the middle ten overs of the innings, he faced only 13 balls and just 19 runs

With 100 needed from the

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